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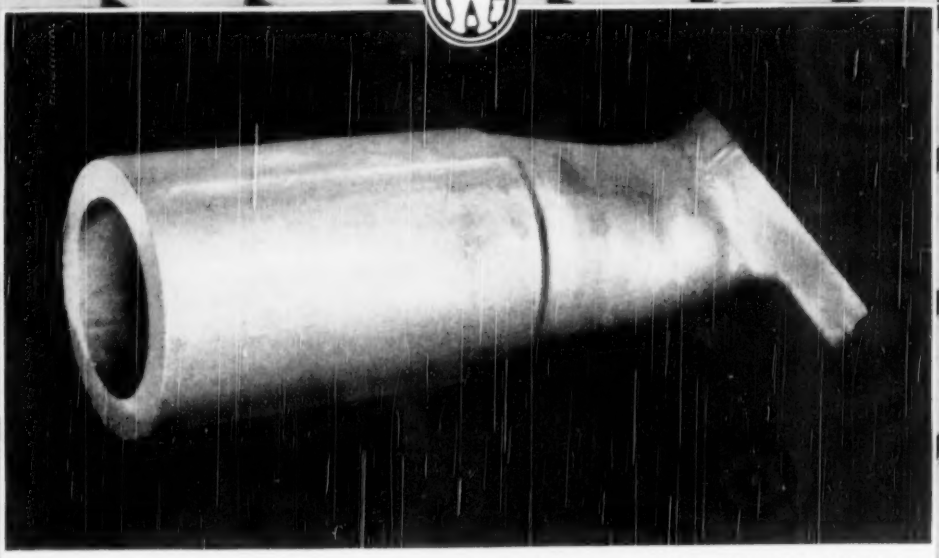

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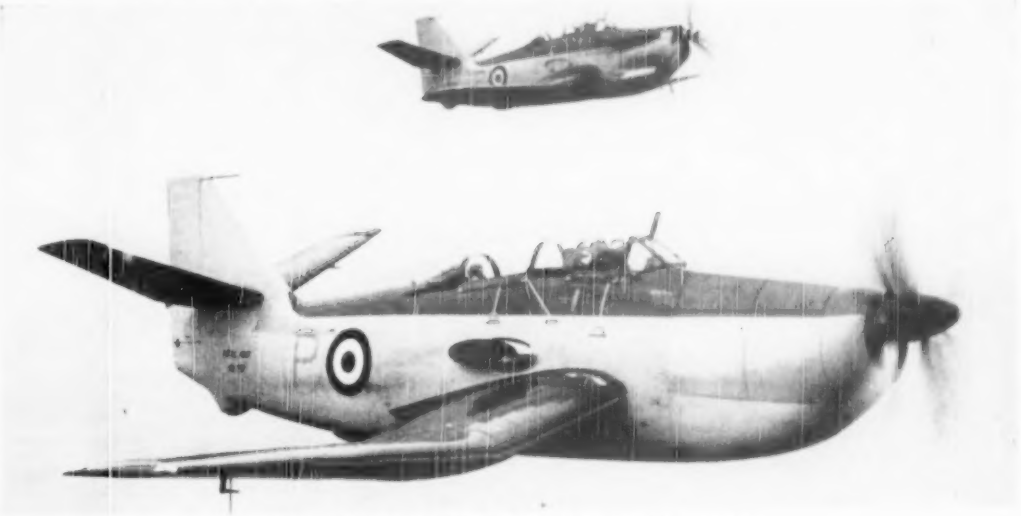

BLACKBURN ANTI-SUB PLANES PASS TESTS

Two similar prototypes built by Blackburn and General Aircraft for anti-submarine warfare fly a formation permitting comparison. The plane in the foreground is designated the Y.B.1 and is powered by an Armstrong Siddeley Double Mamba turboprop and has counter-rotating props. Note exhaust under cockpit for residual thrust. In the background flies a prior model (Y.A.5) powered by a Rolls-Royce Griffon piston engine. Y.A.5 also has jet outlet installation but it has been blocked off.

MEET THE FLEEP

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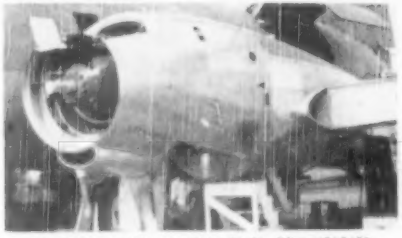

TURBOLINER ENGINE MOCKUP

Mockup Allison 501 (T-38) turboprop is seen installed in the Convair Turboliner being built for Allison division of General Motors. The nacelle incorporates a built-in monorail as a maintenance aid.

NAVY ACCEPTS MERCATOR

A Martin P4M-1 Mercator patrol bomber, with a Navy crew aboard, is flown on delivery to Squadron VP-21. The P4M is powered by two P&W R-4360s and two Allison J-33s, is heavily armed, and carries extensive radar for search and bombing.

NEW CORSAIR NIGHT FIGHTER

Vought's F4U-5 has added a radome to its starboard wing and a new letter to its designation—N for night fighter. The craft is armed with four 20-mm. cannon. Several Corsair models are seeing action in the Korean theater.

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AVIATION CALENDAR

Aug. 7-18—Special two-week program on high temperature ceramics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

Aug. 7-20—First United States International Trade Fair, Chicago.

Aug. 14-16—National West Coast meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers, Hotel Biltmore, Los Angeles.

Aug. 19—Tennessee air progress conference, Knoxville.

Aug. 20—California Air Freight Clinic, sponsored by Calif. Aeronautics Commission and Oakland Chamber of Commerce Aviation Committee, Oakland.

Aug. 25-27—Fourth Annual Air Force Association convention, Hotel Statler, Boston.

Sept. 5-10—Eleventh Brieg flight and exhibition, Society of British Aircraft Constructors, Farnborough airfield, England.

Sept. 7—Pratt & Whitney distributor operation and maintenance meeting, Pacific Airmotive Corp., Linden, N. J.

Sept. 9-10—Third annual convention of the California Wing of the Air Force Association, Arrowhead Springs Hotel and Spa near San Bernardino, Calif.

Sept. 10-14—Instrument Society of America instrument conference and national exhibit, the Coliseum, Houston, Tex.

Sept. 12-14—Conference on ground facilities for air transportation, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass.

Sept. 18-22—Fifth national instrument conference and exhibit, Memorial Auditorium, Buffalo, N. Y.

Sept. 19-21—Joint meeting on navigation and electronics, sponsored by the Institute of Navigation, the Radio Technical Commission for Aeronautics and the Radio Technical Commission for Marine Services, Hotel Statler, N. Y. C.

Sept. 25-27—1950 national electronics conference, Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago.

Sept. 28-30—Aeronautic meeting and aeronautical engineering display, Society of Automotive Engineers, Hotel Biltmore, Los Angeles, Calif.

Sept. 28-30—14th annual convention of International Northwest Aviation Council, Sun Valley, Idaho.

Oct. 12-13—1950 conference on airport management and operations, Max Weil Memorial Unit, North Campus, University of Oakland, Norman, Okla.

Oct. 16-20—43rd annual general meeting of the International Air Transport Association, Fairmont Hotel, San Francisco.

Oct. 24-25—Third Industrial Materials Handling Conference, sponsored by Westinghouse Electric Corp., Hotel Statler, Buffalo, N. Y.

Oct. 25-26—Flight Safety Foundation annual Safety Summit Dinner, Cleveland.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1—Eight annual meeting of Aviation Distributors and Manufacturers Assn., Ambassador Hotel, Los Angeles.

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NEWS DIGEST

DOMESTIC

Stephen T. Early, Deputy Secretary of Defense, has agreed to stick to his post another three months because of the Korean situation. He was scheduled to leave government service the first of this month. Top Pentagon sources indicated that his replacement would have been Frank Pace, present Army Secretary.

Aircraft shipments for May measured in airframe weight, were 3,587,500 lbs., according to the Bureau of the Census and CAA, with 86 percent going to military customers. Engines shipped came to 4,488,000 lbs., with 95 percent going to the military. May shipments of civil planes amounted to 277, valued at $7.5 million, compared with April's 429 planes valued at $10.4 million. Airframe employment was up slightly to 158,273, and engine plant employment also showed a slight increase.

Personal and executive plane shipments (1-10 place category) by eleven companies came to 751 during June, with 100 being one- and two-place craft. Net billing price value is calculated at $1,087,000. Previous month's shipments by eleven companies totaled 730 worth $1,702,080. Exports for June of personal and executive planes of 5000 lb. and under came to 29 planes valued at $221,880.

Martin's 2-0-2A, being built for and leased to Trans World Airlines, have been certified by CAA for a gross takeoff weight of 45,000 lb. The original guaranteed gross for the planes had been 41,600 lb.

Eastern Air Lines has signed a $500,000 contract with Texas Engineering & Manufacturing Co. for major overhaul and modification of 10 DC-4 passenger and cargo DC-4s. Work will be completed by December.

Strike vote of Eastern Air Lines ground maintenance employes approved strike by 93 percent, Int'l Association of Machinists, to which the workers belong, said Aug. 20 would be the earliest a walkout could occur. Union and airline have been unable to agree on wage terms. Negotiations for the 2400 employes began last October.

A large contract for communications and navigation equipment has been awarded Collins Radio Co., Cedar Rapids, Iowa, by TWA. Contract covers equipment for TWA's Martin 4-0-4s, and for completing maintenance installations at the airline's present Constellation fleet.

FINANCIAL

Curtiss-Wright Corp. reports profit of $1,858,847 for three months ending June 30 on sales of $82,770,747. Included in this profit was a Wright Aeronautical net for the period of $987,850 on sales of $18,053,468. For the first six months of the year, CW profit amounted to $3,583,267 on sales of $63,486,744, with Wright accounting for $2,037,869 in profit and $37,502,406 in sales.

Western Air Lines reports net profit of $188,110 on the first half-year on total operating revenues of $6,620,720. Compared to a year ago, revenue miles flown increased 34 percent and revenue passenger miles flown rose 38 percent.

Solar Aircraft Co. reports for the fiscal year ended April 30, 1950 profit of $1,304,066 on sales of $21,438,755. For the preceding year, profit was $1,205,287 on sales of $17,276,109.

Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp. reports profit for the six months ending May 31 of $4,456,327 on sales of $146,000,000.

Capital Airlines turned in a profit for the six months ending June 30 of $700,230 on total operating revenues of $17,414,248. Operating revenues for June reached an all-time high of $3,016,936, and revenue passenger miles of 41,185,232 for the month also set a new mark.

INTERNATIONAL

BOAC has worked out a special deal with Sperry Gyroscope Co., Ltd., England, to obtain an unspecified number of Sperry Zero Readers for priority installation in the de Havilland Comet and other aircraft.

Avro Athlon four-jet airliner is slated to be one of the 10 different types of planes scheduled for display at the Society of British Aircraft Constructors' Farnborough Show Sept. 6-9. The Athlon is a derivative of the Nene powered Tudor prototypes, and six have been ordered by the Ministry of Supply for "research into the characteristics of high-altitude jet flight."

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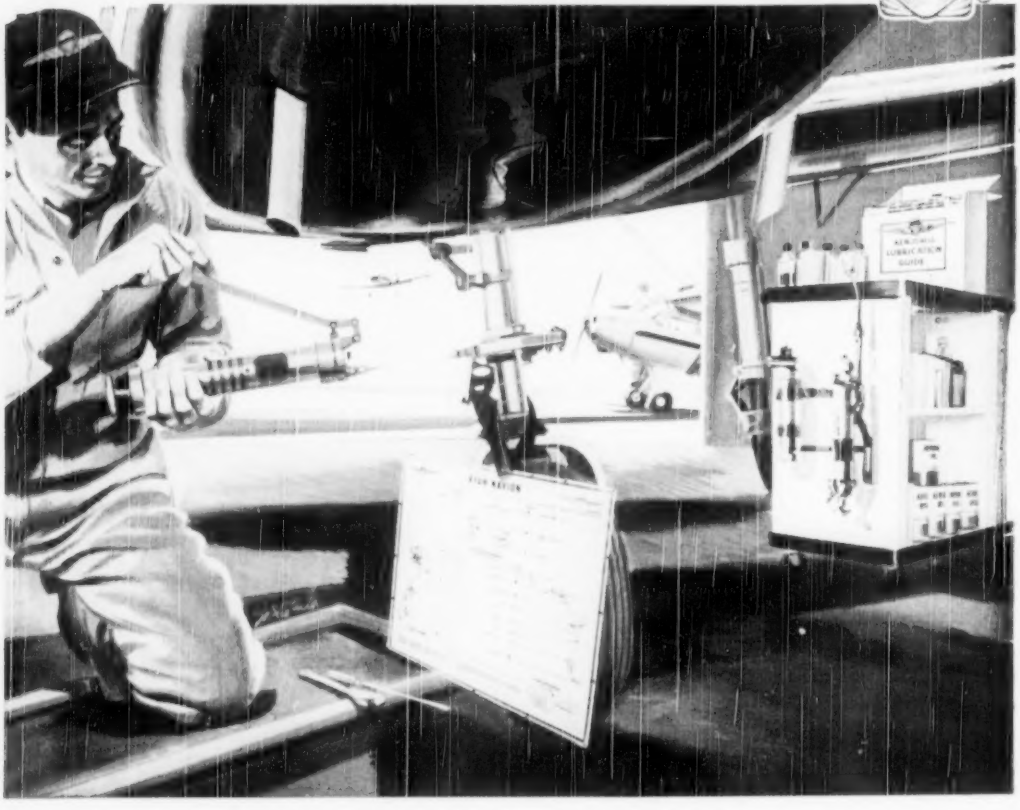

WHO'S WHERE

In the Front Office

Lyman H. Ford has been named president of Pioneer Parachute Co. and **Henry R. Mallory** has been appointed chairman of the board. Ford dates his parachute experience back to 1922 when he was a chief petty officer at Pensacola and was assigned to the Air Corps's parachute school for a course of instruction. In 1926 he joined the Irving Air Chute Co. and later became connected with Pioneer where he has been vice president since 1935. Mallory has been president and treasurer of Pioneer since 1939 and also is executive vice president and treasurer of Chaney Brothers.

Floyd Durham has been made vice president-production of Caldwell Industries, Inc., Kent, Ohio, makers of electric wiring harness for the aircraft and other industries. He was formerly associated with Packard Electric Division of General Motors Corp.

Changes

Dr. Nicholas J. Hoff, noted aeronautical scientist, will become head of the department of aeronautical engineering and applied mechanics at Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn on Sept. 1.

J. R. Robertson has been appointed superintendent of airways and airports of the Department of Transport, Ottawa, replacing **Maj. Robert Dodds**, recently promoted to controller of civil aviation.

Martha S. Sellers has been named assistant to the executive vice president of the National Air Council.

► **Among the Manufacturers**—George Anderson has been put in charge of foreign sales and publicity for Hooker Aircraft Co. . . . **Samuel McConnell** has joined Stratos Corp. as personnel director. . . . **Herman Puson** has been named chief of the structures department, Glenn L. Martin Co. He succeeds **Joel M. Jacobson**, resigned. . . . **L. S. Stafford**, Beech Aircraft director of sales, has resigned to become proprietor of the Spencer Trailer Co. at Augusta, Kans. **Ledds Greever** and **Mike Neuburger** continue as domestic and foreign sales managers respectively. **Harold B. Nelson**, formerly associate editor of Air Force Times, has joined Beech as chief of the news bureau and publications section. . . . **E. D. Wilgus**, sales engineer for Cherry River Co. in upper New York State, has moved to Scarsdale, N. Y., to take charge of the company's sales and service organization in that territory.

► **With the Airlines**—Andrew M. DeVourney has been appointed treasurer of United Air Lines, succeeding **N. B. Hales**, resigned.

Pan American World Airways Latin American division has named **Santos Cevanes** manager of the Miami overhaul base. **Richard S. Mitchell** replaces Cevanes as manager of ground operations and **Arthur S. Best** succeeds Mitchell as superintendent of stations.

INDUSTRY OBSERVER

► German sources say Russia is flight testing a new supersonic rocket-propelled fighter credited to design of Alexander Yakovlev. Designated YAK 21, the plane is a modification of the German ME-163B, a rocket-propelled, tailless interceptor made by Junkers at Dessau now in the Russian zone. Basic change incorporated in the YAK 21 is addition of a horizontal tailplane, presumably to improve uncontrollable nose-down pitching at high subsonic Mach numbers.

► Assault transport competition-evaluation, four times delayed, between Northrop C-125, Chase XC-123 and a stripped-down Fairchild C-119, gets under way at Eglin AFB, Fla., this week, with a quantity production contract in the offing for the winner. Chase YC-122C, twin-engine light assault transport originally developed as a tow glider, will be evaluated against its own design performance. Evaluation of planes involved will last through September 18.

► Serious factor retarding development of helicopters powered by jet packs in rotor tips is the safety factor involved in an autorotation descent in event of power failure. NACA studies indicate that rate of descent under such conditions for a "representative ramjet design" would increase to about 3700 fpm. from 1500 fpm. for similar rotor without the additional drag of the tip jet units. Both calculations assume a 600 fps. tip speed. Pulsejet units, however, show up better than ramjet units in a ratio of power-on thrust to power-off drag. Reduction of the power-off drag of tip jet units is recommended, presumably by redesign.

► CF-100, Canadian all weather long-range jet fighter manufactured by A. V. Roe, Ltd., has been designated "Canuck" by the Royal Canadian Air Force. Second fighter built by Avro was scheduled to begin flight test early this month. First few of ten ordered by RCAF probably will be equipped with two Rolls-Royce 7500-lb thrust Avons. Later versions will be powered by the Canadian-designed and -built Avro Orenda now in service test.

► New air bases for USAF strategic bombers are being prepared inland from England's east coast. Under construction near Oxfordshire, strips and facilities are large enough for Convair B-36 bombers. Strength of USAF force in England is 10,000 men—pilots, crews and personnel for three bomber groups and one jet fighter group.

► Negotiations have been completed by de Havilland Aircraft Co., Ltd., for the establishment of a Vampire jet fighter assembly plant at Cairo, Egypt. Egyptian government is also reported to be scheduled for establishment and equipping of an aircraft factory under the program of dividing wartime enemy assets. Plans are to manufacture trainer and fighter type aircraft for the Royal Egyptian Air Force.

► Piasecki Helicopter Corp., Morton, Pa., delivered its first HRP-2 to Marine Corps HMX-1 Helicopter Squadron, Quantico, Va., following acceptance tests at Naval Air Test Center, Md. The "Flying Banana" will be used by the Marines to develop further helicopter assault tactics.

► Boeing Airplane Co. has abandoned proposed plans to build the Scandia transport of SAAB at Boeing's Seattle plant. Company officials feel that the Scandia is not modern enough in design and that its sales potential as a result, would be too limited to permit Boeing to build enough planes to make the price competitive.

► Eastern Air Lines has almost completed converting its fleet of 18 Model 649 Constellations to 749As. The modification program which will be finished in a month, is being performed at the company's main overhaul base at Miami. EAL is thus killing two birds with one stone. It is not only increasing the payload and range of its Connies, but is also providing work for its Miami staff (and so avoiding lay-offs) during the normally slack summer season. Cost and man/hours of the conversion were not revealed.

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How Industry Gears for Increased Output

Weakest spot: lack of plans by military to use small firms.

By Alexander McSurely

Into the giant jig-saw puzzle of expanded military aircraft procurement, Air Force and Navy planners and the top airframe and engine companies last week were fitting together a few pieces of the complicated supplier and subcontractor background, so necessary for a complete planes and engines picture.

Two main problems complicated their job:

• **Thousands of little companies**, many of whom probably will fit into the picture eventually as sub-sub-subcontractors, were clamoring, in persons or by mail, at the Pentagon and Wright Field, and at prime contractors, to get into the act. You couldn't blame them. They were trying to serve, and eager to get military contracts as raw materials shortages curtailed their civilian production. But they interfered with the orderly distribution of major subcontracts and equipment contracts.

• **Lack of detailed** industrial planning in the small business echelons of aviation supply and equipment. This was nobody's fault except the economy advocates in Washington who cut back industrial planning. But now it was beginning to be felt.

▶ **Starting From Scratch**—At the Contractors' Relations office at Wright Field, more than 800 small business representatives called last week: 287 in one day. Many of the companies had never had government contracts before. They had to start from scratch to find out whether they could make something the Air Force wanted.

The situation nationally as far as available makers of components, accessories and equipment was concerned was no different than it was 18 months back, industry sources said. Then aircraft and engine companies really combed the back woods and the hill country looking for small parts people who could take on the numerous quantities of parts production for which the industry could let contracts.

Some time previous to that, Malcolm P. Ferguson, who is president of Bendix Aviation Corp., told the Guggenheim Air Policy Commission: "It is of course impossible under present volumes to interest subcontractors in any part of the aviation accessory business. More attention should be given to planning by the small group of individual manufacturers which might make up the flight instrument people, or the fuel handling people or the hydraulic manufacturers."

But a spot check of some major equipment people last week showed that most of those reached knew pretty well what they were going to do, and for whom, and were planning their own plans in the expansion.

▶ **The Job Ahead**—With figures of overall quantities planned for plane production still guarded by the Defense Department, indications were gathered in Washington last week as to the size of the job ahead.

Aircraft Industries Assn. estimated that an increase to a plane production rate about one-tenth of the peak attained in World War II would meet the requirements now laid down. Peak monthly rate in World War II was 9115 planes. This indicated an expansion to approximately 900 planes a month, from a June rate of 215, with a yearly maximum rate of about 10,800 planes, on such a basis.

▶ **The Kick-off**—Throughout the nation, meanwhile, individual companies

Labor Supply In Aircraft Manufacturing Centers

This listing shows the percentage of the total labor force which is unemployed in important aircraft manufacturing centers. Source is U. S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Employment Security.

	May 1950 Percent	May 1949 Percent
Hartford, Conn.	3—4.9	5—6.9
New Haven	5—6.9	5—6.9
Boston	7—11.9	5—6.9
Buffalo	5—6.9	7—11.9
New York	7—11.9	7—11.9
Chicago	5—6.9	5—6.9
Indianapolis	3—4.9	5—6.9
Wichita	3—4.9	3—4.9
Kansas City, Mo.	5—4.9	5—6.9
St. Louis	5—6.9	5—6.9
Cincinnati	5—6.9	7—11.9
Cleveland	5—6.9	7—11.9
Columbus, O.	5—6.9	5—6.9
Baltimore	7—11.9	7—11.9
Dallas	Under 3	Under 3
Fort Worth	3—4.9	5—6.9
Los Angeles	7—11.9	7—11.9
Seattle	7—11.9	5—6.9

Key to unemployment percentages:

Under 3 percent	Tight or balanced labor supply
3—4.9 percent	Slight labor surplus
5—6.9 percent	Moderate labor surplus
7—11.9 percent	Substantial labor surplus

NOTE: Boston labor market area was redefined in May to include Lynn-Salem.

JOBSEEKERS mill around employment office of West Coast plants in response to ...

HELP-WANTED ADS such as these dominating classified pages of the Los Angeles Times

started the production ball rolling. Here are some of their individual reports:

• **Pratt & Whitney.** To fill Air Force and Navy orders for substantial quantities of piston and turbojet engines, production lines are being accelerated, but schedule at Hartford depends largely on the pace which the engine manufacturer's 4,000 suppliers of components and materials are able to set. New orders can be filled with only one additional plant, by putting operations on a three-shift, five-day week. Pratt & Whitney is expected to expand into the Southington, Conn., plant which it used in World War II, as soon as the Navy reacquires it from General Services Administration.

Existing orders center around the R-4360 Wasp Major piston engine for the USAF and for the J-42 Turbo Wasp jet engine for the Navy. No new orders have yet been received for the new J-48 jet engine, but indications are that these will be forthcoming later.

• **Ryan Aeronautical Co.** Orders received in the past 30 days total over $10 million, including the largest single order since World War II, to make aft fuselage sections for Boeing C-97 transports. Current employment level of 1,600 is expected to be built up to 4,000, with approximately 1,000 new workers needed in the next 90 days. Ryan has been building C-97 assemblies for Boeing for the last 18 months, but the new orders call for a peak monthly production rate well beyond previous requirements.

• **Texas Engineering & Manufacturing Co.** Overhaul work on military transports has caused hiring of 700 new workers since the Korean war started, and some of the work has been turned over to the company's subsidiary, Universal Airplane Corp., at Garland, Tex., where 150 new workers have been added.

• **McDonnell Aircraft Corp.** Announced $125 million in Navy contracts before any other Navy contracts would admit to that success a letter of intent. McDonnell has received additional orders, presumably swelling the total well beyond the early figure, which actually was principally composed of pre-Korean business.

In addition to the Navy Banshee jet fighter contracts, McDonnell finds a good chance to get Air Force contracts for either a jet as a forthcoming version of the F-88 jet fighter. McDonnell is stepping up its hiring of workers but expects its production acceleration to be governed mainly by ability of suppliers to provide equipment items.

• **Lockheed Aircraft Corp.** is hiring at the rate of 50 a day to meet stepped-up production requirements for the F-94 all-weather jet fighter, T-33 and TO-2 jet trainers, P2V anti-submarine patrol

plane, and PO-1W Constellation early warning plane.

Lockheed sees no need to expand its new plants in other communities at the production rate called for in its new orders, but will subcontract some components. It also expects to keep its commercial transport Constellation production line going well into 1951 on basis of present orders. Lockheed will expand the F-94 production into two assembly lines, taking over the line formerly used for the F-80 now out of production. Expansion probably will call for a three-shift work force.

• **Douglas Aircraft.** Santa Monica plant may need 1000 more workers for its new Navy R4D-8 modification program. In addition 1500 new workers are being added at Long Beach plant for the renovating program on B-26 Invader bombers. Douglas also is handling a rush modification program on C-54 transports for MATS at Santa Monica.

• **Northrop Aircraft.** Expects to handle its increased orders for F-89 Scorpion night fighters with the present work force of around 7000. Northrop has not yet received orders for the C-125 light assault transport.

• **Fairchild Engine & Airplane Corp.** Plans a gradual stepping-up of its production rate on C-119 troop and cargo-carrying planes on the basis of additional orders, but will not do any manpower hiring of new employes now.

• **Wright Aeronautical Corp.** Reported a $4 million order for 1475 hp. Wright Cyclone engines to power Douglas Aircraft's modernization of the Navy R4D-8 transports. Payload of the planes is expected to be increased from 6800 to 10,100 lb. by the modification and more powerful engines. The order was negotiated in advance of Korean events.

• **Consolidated Vultee Aircraft Corp.** San Diego plant was hiring workers at the rate of 500 a week, with current employment at about 8500. A five-day week of two daily 10-hr. shifts for employes assigned to the B-36 modification project has been started. At Ft. Worth, a similar work week had already been put in force, with approximately 14,000 employes. Hiring program at Ft. Worth has not yet been announced.

• **Thompson Products Inc.** Has received orders stepping up production on its aircraft parts contracts on which 7500 employes are now working. Principal Thompson parts are jet engines components and valves for piston aircraft engines.

• **Pesco Products division, Borg-Warner Corp.** This producer of pumps, actuators and similar aircraft equipment asked employes to cancel vacations to expedite aviation production.

• **Bell Aircraft Corp.** Has stepped up contracts for jet nacelles for B-47 and B-36 bombers. Company has also been directed to speed up production in other fields "which we cannot discuss at this time." Bell is known to be making guided missiles, supersonic research aircraft and helicopters, in addition to its subcontracting work for Convair and Boeing. The company has also been mentioned in the press as a probable licensee for production of additional North American F-86 jet fighters in event a still larger scale of production is called for.

Top Aviation Producers Listed

Forty-one makers of aviation products were among the 100 leading U. S. war goods producers of World War II and most of them are expected to play major roles in the new emergency defense production program.

It may be assumed that these companies, which among them held 45.3 percent of all prime contracts (June 1940 through Sept. 1944) with a total dollar value of over $79 billion, will be principal sources of subcontracting once again under the new fiscal year 1951 program.

Therefore, AVIATION WEEK is publishing, for the benefit of small business firms seeking subcontracts, the list of the 41 companies, ranked in order of their contract volume in World War II. This listing is taken from Smaller War Plants Corp. report "Economic Concentration and World War II." Figures are from the WPB.

	Millions of dollars	Percent of total
General Motors	$15,815	7.9
Curtiss-Wright	7091	4.1
Ford Motor	5469	3.6
Consair	4875	2.8
Douglas	4431	2.5
United Aircraft	3929	2.2
Chrysler	3284	1.9
GE	3266	1.9
Lockheed	3246	1.9
North American	2768	1.6
Boeing	2700	1.5
Martin	2244	1.3
Bendix Aviation	1889	1.1
Packard	1783	1.0
Sperry	1581	.9
Westinghouse	1275	.8
Grumman	1250	.8
Republic	1231	.7
IBM	1228	.7
Nash-Kelvinator	1162	.7
Goodyear	1091	.6
Standard Oil of N. J.	1052	.6
Aviation Corp.	1045	.6
U. S. Rubber	798	.5
Continental Motors	782	.4
Sun Oil	772	.4
Pennsylvania Metals	675	.4
Firestone	561	.3
Goodrich	554	.3
Bosch	553	.3
Higgins Ind.	549	.3
Fairchild	534	.3
Standard Oil of Calif.	527	.3
Jack & Heintz	515	.3
Brewster	505	.3
Sperry-Vickers	476	.3
Jacobs Aero Engine	465	.3
Texas Co.	460	.3
Galvin Mfg.	445	.3
Stewart-Warner	442	.3
Northrop	432	.3
Totals	**$79,068**	**45.3**

Military CAA?

Plans made to organize workers under USAF in national emergency.

A plan to put Civil Aeronautics Administration airways and control tower personnel on military status in event of national emergency was reported last week to have approval of both CAA and Defense Department.

Reliable sources state that up to 70 percent of the male CAA employes are now on reserve status. These would be included in such a mobilization as members of a CAA "Corps," of the Air Force in a status somewhat comparable to the Coast Guard's transfer to the Navy from the Treasury Department in the last war.

If such a broad transfer were accomplished it would probably also include U. S. Weather Bureau meteorologists and other Commerce Department employes who are associated with aviation functions. It is expected that in event of emergency these employes in reserve status would be reassigned immediately from their regular reserve units to their specialist assignments in the CAA Corps.

The proposal was expected to require authorization by Congress, and it was understood that legislation for the quick transfer of key CAA personnel to Air Force status was now being prepared.

The arrangement is aimed at preventing duplication of airways communications facilities, a defect of the civilian controller arrangement largely used in this country in World War II.

Military control of the federal airways in an emergency was recommended for consideration in the Congressional Aviation Policy Board report of 1948.

Significantly, the principal advisor to the Congressional Board on Radio Communications Planning was Delos W. Rentzel, then president of Aero-

nautical Radio, Inc., and now CAA Administrator.

It is understood that Rentzel and his deputy administrator, Donald W. Nyrop, have worked out most of the details of the emergency transfer of airways control with the Department of Defense in preparation for the transfer if it becomes necessary.

► **Emergency Expedient**—AVIATION WEEK learned that the program was being considered solely as an emergency expedient at present, not to be put into effect unless national emergency appeared to require it.

However various civil aviation organizations and groups, including some airline representatives, were apprehensive that the rigidity of such a control system might seriously interfere with civil aviation operations, in the event it was arbitrarily put in force.

One recommendation was that the approval of the National Security Resources Board be required as to the state of emergency, before the system could be put into effect.

► **Movement Control**—Another proposal affecting civil aviation appears headed for passage soon. It is a bill, recommended by Commerce Secretary Charles Sawyer, to give CAA sweeping authority to control air movements "whenever the President determines such an action to be required in the interest of national security."

Civil aviation organizations and groups, who have discussed this bill with CAA, have recommended that it, too, be made subject to a notification by the National Security Resources Board that an emergency exists warranting initiating such action. It is understood that this control would deal primarily with restricting or banning traffic over certain areas, such as defense areas, or military zones, or the radar defense network zones.

Sawyer told Sen. Ed Johnson, chairman of the Senate Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee, in asking prompt action on a bill giving the new authority to CAA, that the civil agency and USAF together had blueprinted a restricted plan providing the details for controlling traffic in the special restricted areas.

Air National Guard Being Strengthened

The 27 groups of the U.S. Air National Guard are recruited to about 80 percent of full strength and have about 75 percent of their full complement of planes, an AVIATION WEEK survey discloses.

The ANG has about 2500 planes and 45,000 officers and men as a supporting organization for the regular USAF and its reserves.

Although its plane strength has been temporarily depleted by withdrawals of planes for use in Korea, the ANG is due to receive more modern planes as replacements. Tempo of deliveries of jet fighters to ANG for the rest of the year has been ordered stepped up.

► **Jet Deliveries**—Republic F-84s, probably "E" models, will go to guard fighter squadrons currently flying F-47 Thunderbolt piston-engine fighters, informed sources indicate. And deliveries of North American F-86 and Lockheed F-94 jet fighters originally scheduled for early in 1951, will begin late this fall instead.

The Guard's 24 fighter groups include 12 jet fighter squadrons. Six fly Lockheed F-80A, B and C fighters, and the other six are equipped with Republic F-84Bs and Cs.

► **Bomber Groups**—The three ANG light bomb groups are equipped with Douglas Invader B-26 bombers. There are four squadrons of 16 planes each allotted in each bomber group, and three squadrons of 25 planes each authorized for each fighter group.

On the basis of latest available figures, the total jet fighter complement of the Guard was not sufficient to bring its jet squadrons to full authorized strength.

► **Plane Strength**—ANG, according to its last report, has:

- **Light bombers:** 223 Douglas B-26s.
- **Jet fighters:** 122 F-80s and 111 F-84s.
- **Piston fighters:** 926 North American F-51 Mustangs, 544 Republic F-47 Thunderbolts, and 17 RF-51s.
- **Cargo transports:** 157 Douglas C-47s, 2 Curtiss C-46s, and 2 Beech C-45s.
- **Trainers:** 101 TB-26s, 16 TF-80s, 23 TF-51s, 6 TRF-51s, 270 North American T-6s, and 33 Beech T-11s. (The TB-26, TF-80, TF-51 and TRF-51 are trainer versions of bombers and fighters previously listed.)

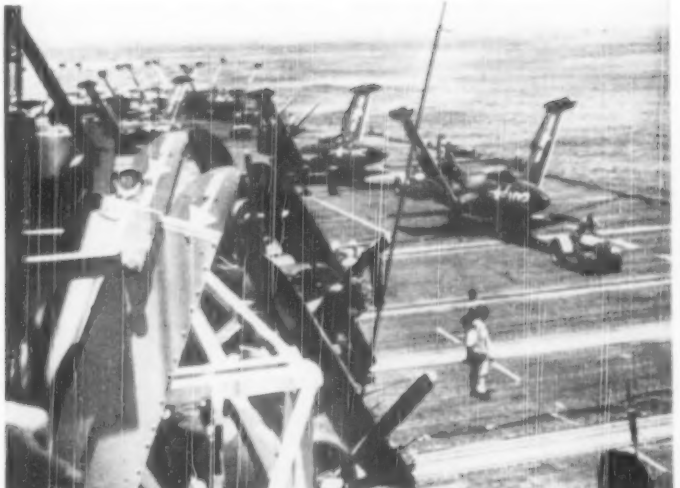
The ANG groups include only air personnel and ground crews. They do not provide for supporting units, such as supply, medical, administrative, etc. The groups are designed to be drawn into federal service by units if needed, to augment regular Air Force wings which have these supporting units provided under the USAF Base Wing organization plan.

Prototype Hope

House group hearings rekindle chances of cargo, transport program.

New hope for a "full-scale" government transport prototype procurement program to stimulate development of commercial cargo and transport types emerged from hearings of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee.

Committee members, led by Rep. Lindley Beckworth, chairman of the



PANTHERS OFF KOREA

With wings still folded, combat-loaded Grumman Panthers (left) are being towed into position for catapulting off the deck of a U.S. carrier operating in Korean waters. The only Navy jet planes known to be operating in the conflict, the F9Fs are reportedly giving a good account of themselves, making devastating rocket attacks on vital enemy installations. Complementing the strikes of the speedy jets are piston-engined Vought Corsairs. Some are parked off to the left, near the carrier's island.

PIERCED STEEL PLANK on strip being laid by Koreans for USAF combat aircraft

Air Strips Built to Order—Fast

McGraw-Hill World News

An American Air Force Base in Southern Korea—American aviation engineers of the 20th Air Force have transformed this abandoned Japanese air strip into a combat operational fighter base for F-51s. It's been a patchwork job—nothing compared with the construction of the giant bomber and fighter strips during World War II.

When the Air Force first flew in July 12, there was nothing here but a gravel covered 4500-ft concrete strip, surrounded by fields of beans and weeds. The next morning, a company of engineers arrived by LST. Working 24 hr. a day, they cleared off the strip, built a 500-ft overrun with pierced steel plank (being laid by Korean workers in photo above). And the F-51s were operating against the enemy on July 14.

By July 18, they had completed a 4000-mile taxiway around one side of the strip, with parking ramps for the combat aircraft.

The Air Force would like to put in a new major strip for the use of F-80 jet fighters in Southern Korea. But there isn't enough steel plank or enough engineers to do the job—yet.

At the major F-80 base in Japan, from which the majority of fighter sorties have been flown against the Communist armies, the condition of the runway has seriously limited the combat effectiveness of the aircraft. The strip is macadam which is so soft in the summer heat that F-80s landing at 120 mph. seldom have to be braked to bring them to a halt. Also the JP fuel eats into the surface making it spongy.

On takeoff, the F-80 has been able to carry only two 5-in. rockets instead of the full load of eight. Even then pilots have had to raise their landing gears in order to get airborne. With 5000 ft. of concrete, there would be "no sweat" taking a full load to the enemy. But defense savings prevented the reconstruction of this runway when engineers urged it over a year ago.

Transportation subcommittee, and Rep. Charles Wolverton, ranking minority member, called the proposed $12.5-million five-year program, under which Civil Aeronautics Administration would pay testing costs on new transport types, inadequate. Beckworth suggested a $30-million 3-year program would be nearer the mark.

Ohio were spurred by the testimony of Adm. DeWitt Ramsey, president of Aircraft Industries Assn., that the British government, starting in 1942, "was willing to risk . . . an estimated $300 million or more" on a transport development program and has now outstripped the United States by three years in the commercial jet and turbojump fields.

▶ **Testing Program Backed**—Ramsey and the other witness at the hearing, J. W. Crowley, acting director of the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics, endorsed the testing program. It has been approved by the Senate Commerce Committee and is now awaiting floor action as "a first step in the right direction." But the AIA president said the $12.5 million "would not go very far" toward solving the problem, and added:

"It is apparent that American manufacturers feel it essential that the government, through an established procurement agency, embark on a comprehensive program of purchasing transport prototypes. Unless such a program is adopted, there is no assurance that the industry or our country can meet the challenge of the de Havilland Comet or the Avro Jetliner."

▶ **U. S. Lags**—In three hours questioning of Ramsey and Crowley, committee members repeatedly expressed exasperation that the U. S. "has done nothing much" to stimulate commercial plane development, while Great Britain, whose economy is substantially supported by the U. S., has moved forward with a full-scale program. Then the committee took these actions:

- **Requested AIA to submit** "a comprehensive program" for government purchasing of transport prototypes. Ramsey agreed, but indicated reluctance to risk defeat of the modest testing program by controversy that might develop over the larger program. Beckworth urged speed in working it out, declaring, "we cannot go slower than the fastest we can on this program which is vital to defense."
- **Requested NACA to ascertain** from the industry the cost of developing types which would put the U. S. in the lead in the transport field. Crowley said that NACA has technical data which would "permit the start at once of a program which will produce superior planes" to those of any other country.
- **Requested appearance** before the committee of the new Secretary for Air, Thomas Finletter.

Jetliner to Carry Cargo This Fall

Trans-Canada Airlines will fly the first North American commercial jet airliner as a cargo carrier this fall. That is when the Avro Jetliner C-102 goes on domestic routes, probably from Toronto to Montreal and Toronto to Winnipeg.

The plane has not yet completed its certification as a passenger carrier but is expected to put in a substantial number of hours on the cargo run, before going on a passenger schedule.

Recent reports show the plane has now flown more than 100 hr. and has exceeded 500 mph. in level flight, with a cruising speed of 450 mph. and a cruising ceiling of up to 39,500 ft.

On several occasions the plane has made three-engine takeoffs, and has been flown with three of its four engines out at 200 mph. Longest flight has been 1100 mi., but the plane has made several triangular flights between Toronto, North Bay and Montreal for a distance of about 800 mi., with a fuel consumption of 1600 gals. of kerosene.

A. V. Roe Canada Ltd., recently declared not to send either the Jetliner or the other new Avro jet plane, the CF-100 Canuck two-place nightfighter, to England for the September air show at Farnborough. It was decided the time could be spent more profitably in completing tests on the Jetliner and in giving the RCAF a chance for more familiarization with the two Canuck nightfighters which are now flying.

Avro had previously planned to send transport and fighter across the Atlantic, to try for new Atlantic crossing records

FINANCIAL

Aviation Portfolios Gain in Value

Major trust specializing in air investments shifts its holdings to take advantage of rising market.

With aviation shares attracting considerable investment and speculative favor in recent months, trust portfolios containing aviation commitments have been bolstered in value.

Since National Aviation Corp. is the largest single fund devoted exclusively to aviation investments, its periodic portfolio shifts are of interest, particularly now.

Its net assets were up to $8,048,368, or $18.03 per share, as of June 30, 1950, compared with $7,459,545, or $16.65 per share, at Dec. 31, 1949. It is evident that the rise in aviation securities during the last week in June had a sharp impact on National Aviation's holdings. Moreover, the continuing appreciation of aviation equities during July and August may be expected to have carried the value of the trust's portfolio even higher.

► **Heavy Buying**—During the first six months of 1950, National Aviation decreased its holdings of cash and U. S. securities sharply and, on balance, bought heavily of aircraft equities. Aircraft and accessories comprised 59.2 percent of the total portfolio as of June 30, with airlines accounting for 31.5 percent and the 9.3-percent balance represented by cash, U. S. securities and other receivables.

The additions among aircraft holdings during the first six months of the year were represented by the following: 4200 shares Bendix; 100 Douglas; 7300 Garrett Corp.; 1100 Greer Hydraulics preferred; 1000 Grumman; 5000 Sperry; 1300 Thompson Products; and 800 United Aircraft. The only aircraft shares sold were 5500 North American and 600 Bell. The 1930 shares of Airfleets received as a stock dividend from Convair were also liquidated.

Material increases in the airline group also appear among National Aviation's holdings during the first six months of this year. An initial commitment of 5000 shares of United Air Lines was made. Holdings were augmented in other issues as follows: 600 American Airlines preferred; 6500 Braniff; 1500 Delta; and 4000 TWA. The only airline shares sold were 14,500 of Eastern and 2500 Pan American Airways.

► **June 30 Portfolio**—Reflecting these adjustments, National Aviation's portfolio as of June 30, 1950 consisted of the following:

• **Aircraft Securities**: 20,400 Bell; 9200 Bendix; 15,000 Convair; 4800 Curtiss-Wright "A"; 7800 Douglas; 7500 Garrett; 2400 Greer Hydraulics preferred; 16,000 Grumman; 25,000 Lockheed; 30,000 North American; 5000 Sperry; 7500 Thompson Products; 16,900 United Aircraft; 1500 United Aircraft preferred.

• **Airlines**: 20,000 American; 12,000 American preferred; 20,000 Braniff; 15,000 Chicago & Southern; 17,500 Delta; 25,500 Eastern; 7500 Pan American; 9000 TWA; 5000 United; 5000 United preferred.

• **Other**: 10,000 Helicopter Air Service; 10,000 Air Express International; 10,000 Resort Airlines.

The total indicated cost of National Aviation's portfolio at June 30, 1950, was $6,636,490. The market values as of the same date was $7,275,248.

► **Smaller Trusts**—Specialized aviation trusts, but of smaller aggregate funds, also exist under a broad group of investment companies sponsored by professional managers. In this classification, no serious selective pattern is in evidence.

One such fund—the largest in this category comprises the aviation shares of Group Securities, Inc. Its outfits during the first half of its fiscal year appear to have been badly timed. For example, it sold 4000 shares of Beech; 500 Boeing; 4500 Cessna; 1000 Curtiss-Wright "A"; 1000 Fairchild; 700 Grumman; 500 Lockheed; 3000 North American; 4700 Piper; 4500 Republic and 500 Sperry. In the airline group it disposed of 1000 American; 1500 Eastern; 2000 Northwest and 2700 Pan American-World Airways.

Not a single addition to holdings is in evidence beyond 400 shares of Bendix.

► **Group Securities**—The Group Securities aviation holdings as of May 31, 1950, were represented by the following portfolio: 10,000 American; 1000 Beech; 4000 Boeing; 14,500 Braniff; 10,000 Convair; 19,000 Curtiss-Wright "A"; 2500 Douglas; 29000 Eastern; 14,000 Fairchild; 5400 Grumman.

Also 7500 Lockheed; 8500 National; 12,000 North American; 8000 Northwest; 10,300 Pan American; 8000 Piper; 4000 Republic; 6000 Solar; 4000 Sperry; 4700 United Aircraft; 10,500 United Air Lines; 2000 Western.

► **Institutional Shares, Inc.**—Another separate fund in this general category is represented by the aviation group of Institutional Shares, Inc. Nominal shifts, frequently at cross-purposes, are in evidence for the first half of this group's fiscal year.

Its holdings as of May 31, 1950, consisted of the following: 9400 American; 3200 Boeing; 1300 Capital; 4200 Convair; 1350 Douglas; 1900 Eastern; 3800 Fairchild; 2600 Grumman; 3100 Lockheed.

Also 2600 Martin; 4200 North American; 2700 Northrop; 1700 Northwest; 2600 Pan American; 5000 Republic; 1400 TWA; 1200 Solar; 2400 United Aircraft; 2700 United Air Lines.

► **New York Stocks, Inc.**—New York Stocks, Inc., is another diversified group of investment funds presenting a special aviation category. The changes among its portfolio during the first six months of its fiscal period were also of limited proportions but with a little better discrimination in evidence. For example, it sold 3400 shares of Northwest and purchased 600 Douglas, 200 Bendix, 2800 Eastern and 500 Trans-World Airlines.

The aviation holdings of New York Stocks, Inc., as of May 31, 1950, were represented as the following: 5400 American; 900 Bendix; 1000 Boeing; 4300 Convair; 600 Douglas; 2800 Eastern; 1400 Electric Boat; 1400 Lockheed; 5000 North American; 500 TWA; 1400 United Aircraft; 1700 United Air Lines; 1000 Sperry D; 400 Thompson Products.

Among the general type investment trusts, it is significant that hardly any buying in aviation shares took place during the first six months of this year. General investment trusts, for the most part, have shown a poor conception of the position and outlook of the aviation industry at present rates. This is revealed by the limited aviation commitments they have made when it would have been extremely profitable for them to have done so.

Investment trusts not have been lacers of aviation securities because they have been hurt by past investments in this group and have failed to understand that the aircraft and airline industries do not always conform to the same measures of evaluation found in other industries.

Yet, a fuller participation in aviation investments could be highly beneficial to both the trusts and the aircraft and airline groups.

For the funds, a well selected aviation portfolio could provide satisfactory income yields and favorable appreciation potentials. For the industries it would mean an new reservoirs of capital that are frequently necessary for natural expansion and growth.

—Selig Altschul

AIR FORCE CONTRACTS

USAF Procurement Awards Listed

This listing completes AVIATION WEEK's publication of recently released Air Force contracts for the month of May. Awards for this period totaled $189 million, with Curtiss-Wright Corp.'s $12,265,351 contracts leading the parade (AVIATION WEEK July 31, p. 32).

Only contracts of $5000 and over are shown.

Lockheed Aircraft Service, Inc., Long Island, N. Y., services and materials necessary to rehabilitate F-51 type aircraft, Jan., 1951, $566,000.

Lowry Construction Co., New York, repair accumulator stations and extrusion process, Aug., 1951, $251,699.

Lord Manufacturing Co., Erie, Pa., maintenance and overhaul spare parts for shock mounts used in B-26 aircraft, July, 1950, 16,228 units, Sept., 1950, $18,438.

Lycoming div., Avco Manufacturing Corp., Williamsport, Pa., spare parts for O-435-1-11 and O-720-7 engines used in L-5 and L-16 aircraft, Dec., 1950, $82,026; spare parts for V-1650-9,7-9,9A engines used in F-51 aircraft, Jan., 1951, $103,785.

Magnavox Co., Fort Wayne, Ind., type 1218 solenoid, June, 1951, $47,697.

Magnetos Corp., Chicago, inspection equipment, horizontal, magnetic particle for ferrous metals, Oct., 1950, $11,513.

Manhattan Lighting Equipment Co., New York, cord extension, June, 1950, $4375; 41 portable grinders and data, Nov., 1950, $7278.

Marinette Glove Co., Marinette, Wis., gloves, Dec., 1950, $22,400.

Marlin-Rockwell Corp., Jamestown, N. Y., ball bearings, Aug., 1950, two contracts, $20,750, $10,934.

Marman Products Co., Inglewood, Calif., clamps, July, 1950, two contracts, $8735, $7022; clamps, Aug., 1950, $13,225.

Marquette Metal Products Co., Cleveland, windshield wipers, Sept., 1950, $39,889.

Martin Fabrics Corp., New York, nylon and cotton webbing, Sept., 1950, $15,261.

Martin, Glenn L., Co., Baltimore, six improved steam gage balance system, Aug., 1950, $18,000; maintenance and administration of decelerator, M-1 canopy remover and release mechanism on T-10(C) aircraft, Dec., 1951, $11,638.

Mastercraft Metals Co., Dayton, Ky., stainless steel photographic cones, June, 1950, $8687.

Maxson Engineering div., Maxson, W. L. Corp., New York, radio compass floodlight switch, Sept., 1950, $7428.

Maxson, W. L. Corp., New York, amplifiers, Feb., 1951, $19,941.

McColpin-Christie Corp., Los Angeles, stationary 187 power supply rectifier, Nov., 1950, $103,053.

McMillan Laboratory, Mechanicsville, Mass., radome design studies, Feb., 1951, $30,000.

McPhillips Co., Trenton, N. J., spare assembly, yaw tray, Feb., 1951, $158,417; yaw assembly-type T-7 parachute yaw assembly, Oct., 1950, $19,200.

McQuay-Norris Mfg. Co., St. Louis, switches, Sept., 1950, $11,230.

Menasco Manufacturing Co., Burbank, Calif., industrial preparedness study, Mar., 1951, $78,000; fabrication of tubular aircraft landing gear parts, May, 1951, $58,427.

Metal Hose and Tubing Co., Dover, N. J., gasoline hose, Aug., 1950, $8589.

Michigan Bolt-Nut Co., Detroit, carriage bolts, Sept., 1950, $10,800.

Micro Balancing, Inc., Oceanside, N. Y., gyroscopic test motor apparatus and maintenance data, July, 1950, $15,180.

Midwest Research Institute, Kansas City, Mo., motor drive system for phasing mechanical elevation, May, 1951, $30,000.

Miller Products Co., New York, rubber bands, July, 1950, $7310; wire marking and identification machine, Sept., 1950, $17,858.

Miller, William, Corp., Pasadena, Calif., galvanometer and oscillograph elements, Aug., 1950, $5985.

Milwaukee Electric Tool Corp., Milwaukee, portable electric drill, Sept., 1950, $15,379.

Milwaukee Valve Co., Milwaukee, fire servicing nozzles, Feb., 1951, $49,830.

Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co., Minneapolis, modification of turn control gyro, Nov., 1950, $15,241; spare components automatic pilots, May, 1951, $278,786; B-4 turbosupercharger regulator system, spare seals and data, July, 1951, $146,585; automatic pilots, Aug., 1951, $162,161; spare parts for C-1 autopilot, Dec., 1950, $41,847.

Minnesota Mining-Mfg. Co., St. Paul, electric splicing Scotch Tape, June, 1950, $12,500.

Monk Machine-Tool Co., Port Huron, Mich., band saw, Nov., 1950, $11,585.

Moore Business Forms, Inc., Dayton, business machines, July, 1950, $17,420.

Morey Machine Co., New York, engine geared turret lathe, Sept., 1950, $85,995.

Morse Instrument Corp., Hudson, Ohio, printers, Nov., 1950, $99,498; processing machine, Jan., 1951, $218,848.

Motch-Merryweather Machine Co., Cleveland, engraving machine, Sept., 1950, $5880.

Mt. Vernon-Woodberry Mills, Baltimore, cotton duck, June, 1950, $27,500.

Munston Mfg. and Service, Inc., New York, audio oder (R), 1951, $10,850; dummy load, Dec., 1951, $7594.

Muth, George F., Co., Washington, drawing equipment, Sept., 1950, $61,745.

National Batteries Co., Depew, N. Y., aircraft storage batteries, type G-1, Feb., 1951, $43,470; dry charged aircraft storage battery, Apr., 1951, $34,552.

National Cash Register Co., Dayton, cash registers, Aug., 1950, $174,841; cash registers, Sept., 1950, $27,202.

Navy Dept., Chief, Bureau of Aeronautics, Washington, receivers and transmitters, Sept., 1950, $2500.

Neptune Meter Co., New York, fire flow meter (recorder), Jan., 1950, $10,000.

New Departure div., General Motors Corp., Bristol, Conn., ball bearings, Aug., 1950, two contracts, $18,100, $24,200.

N. Y. Rubber Corp., New York, mechanical equipment, May, 1951, $38,920.

Norma-Hoffman Bearing Corp., Stamford, Conn., ball bearings, Sept., 1950, $4510.

North American Aviation, Inc., Los Angeles, modification program, June, 1951, $10,404; spare parts for the F-95 airplane, Mar., 1952, $188,655; modification kits for F-86A airplanes, Nov., 1950, $50,793; wing walkway and pipe assembly, Jan., 1951, $8573; antenna for B-45C, Oct., 1950, $29,209; fuel tanks, Jan., 1951, $376,968; design, install in a B-45C aircraft and test a broad band flush antenna, June, 1951, $67,997; electronic heating application to a hand saw, Aug., 1951, $27,455; technical data, Aug., 1950, $6160; B-45A storage and retrofit program, Aug., 1951, $1,196,111; kits for B-45A aircraft, Dec., 1951, $72,884; bomb bay adapter, maintenance inspection, Dec., 1951, $5470; kits for B-45C aircraft, Feb., 1951, $9282; spare parts for the F-86A aircraft, Nov., 1950, $180,627; spares for all types of aircraft manufactured by North American, June, 1950, $20,000; spare parts for T-6 and F-51 aircraft, July, 1950, $102,480; spare parts for T-6 aircraft, July, 1950, $28,058.

Northrop Aircraft, Inc., Hawthorne, Calif., flight test programs for YF-89A and F-89A airplanes, May, 1951, $838,558.

Ohio State University Res. Fdn., Columbus, Ohio, acceleration of photogrammetric research related to aeronautical mapping and charting, May, 1951, $79,985; research studies to determine the relations between variables in crew compositions and problems of group effectiveness, June, 1951, $31,418; fatigue studies of X7S ST aluminum alloy and 4130 steel alloy, June, 1951, fatigue and corrosion materials and reports on scanning radiation characteristics, Feb., 1952, $ 000.

Ohmite Mfg. Co., Chicago, chemical volume regulating units, June, 1950, $1087.

Old Dominion Iron-Steel Corp., Richmond, Va., tanks, Aug., 1950, $5260.

Oliver Machine Co., Grand Rapids, Mich., air service machines, self-contained direct motor driven, July, 1950, $9200.

Ord. Bureau of Navy Dept., Washington, D. C., spare parts M series bombsight, Jan., 1951, $29,578.

Osborne Sexton Machinery Co., Columbus, Ohio, saw-trimmers single arbor tilting table units with insulting motor, Nov., 1950, $16,775.

Ozalid div., General Aniline and Film Corp., Johnson City, N. Y., spare parts kit for streamliner Ozalid machine, Aug., 1950, $13,550; Ozalid paper and containers, July, 1950, $7282.

Pacific Airmotive Corp., Burbank, Calif., reconditioning of 24 C-2 aircraft, July, 1950, $600,000.

Pacific Scientific Co., Los Angeles, tele-thermometer engineering data and maintenance data, Aug., 1950, $23,821.

Paragon Oil Co., Brooklyn, hard oil, July, 1950, $8412.

Parker Appliance Co., Cleveland, plugs, Sept., 1950, $16,491.

Pease, C. F., Co., Chicago, blue printing machine, July, 1950, $7020.

Phaostron Co., S. Pasadena, Calif., portable volt, ohm, milliammeter and maintenance data, Oct., 1950, $11,549; tester assembly for a fire gate compass and handbooks, Aug., 1950, $17,284; generator field control relays, Feb., 1951, $30,872.

Philco Corp., Philadelphia, factory familiarization training, Mar., 1951, $43,852.

Photographic Products, Inc., Hollywood, cameras, Sept., 1950, $26,923.

Photostat Corp., Rochester, N. Y., photocopying machines, Sept., 1950, $297,378.

Pipin Engrg., Inc., Piqua, O., tester assembly fire detector system, field and maintenance data, June, 1951, $27,102.

Pittsburgh Screw-Bolt Corp., Pittsburgh, carriage bolts, Sept., 1950, $14,928.

Plainville Metal Works, Plainville, Conn., speed assembly, Dec., 1950, $31,248.

Premier Crystal Labs, New York, 1400 crystal holders, Sept., 1950, $7273.

Press Wireless Co., Hicksville, N. Y., recorder unit, Dec., 1950, $28,118.

Press Wireless, Inc., West Newton, Mass., voltage divider, Dec., 1950, $29,061.

Radio Corp. of America, Camden, N. J., receiver-indicator and antenna coupler, 1951, $445,132.

Radioplane Company, Van Nuys, Calif., recharging kits, data, spare parts, June, 1950, $6127; rotary launcher and ground handling equipment, Sept., 1950, $114,294.

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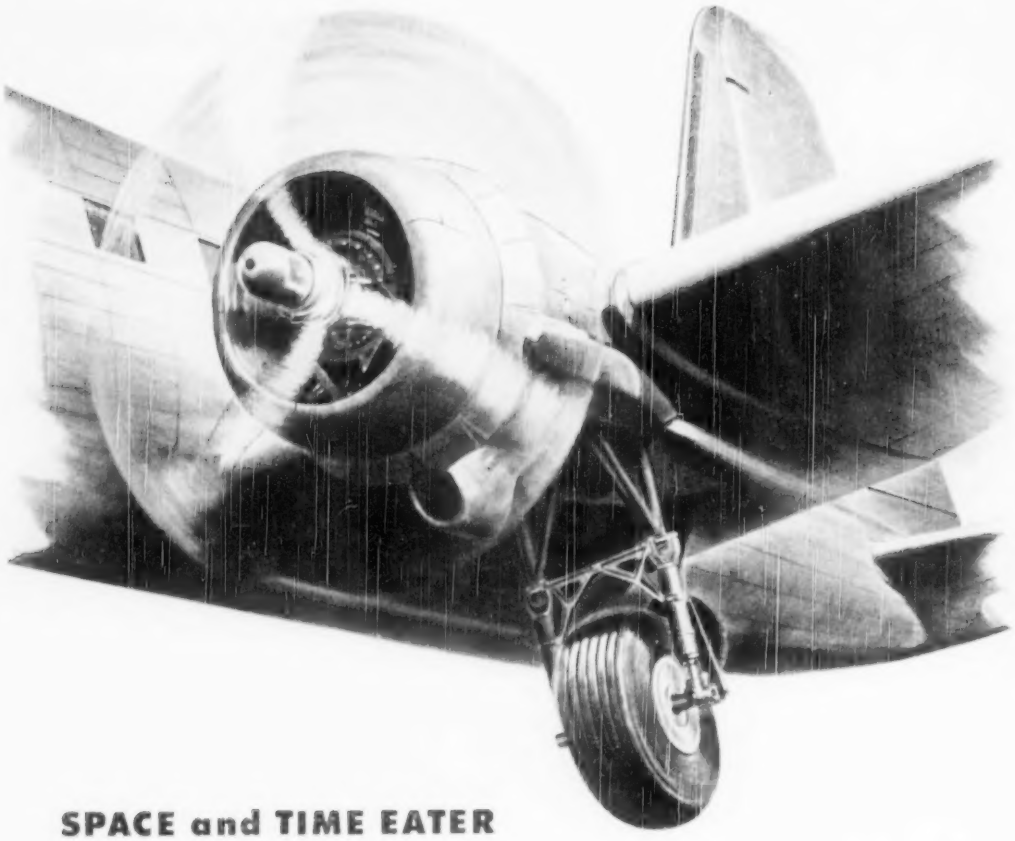

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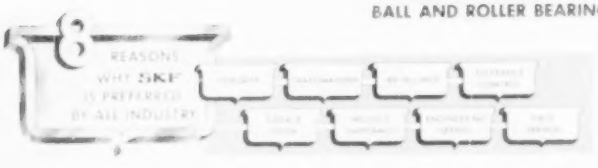

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rotary switches and cam, Oct., 1950, $15,682.

Bainford Mfg. Co., Chester, N. J., pallet skids, Oct., 1950, $87,000.

Bauchbach Trunk-Luggage Co., Newark, N. J., aircraft engineering cases and kits, Oct., 1950, $27,810.

Bay, Bric B. Film Industries, Chicago, motion picture training films, Nov., 1950, $32,497.

Raytheon Mfg. Co. div., Raytheon Production Corp., Waltham, Mass., high resolution radio landing altimeter, Dec., 1950, $34,903; eight of the normally accessible accessories, Mar., 1951, $27,000.

Rastronic Laboratories, Cincinnati, loudspeaker kits, Dec., 1950, $24,450.

Reading Batteries Inc., Reading, Pa., for charged aircraft storage battery, Feb., 1951, $93,570.

Recordisk Corp., Washington, plastic grabble film, June, 1950, $78,580; Recordisk mirror-flex machines, and 16 mm. emulsion, Feb., 1951, $72,522.

Reiner, John Co., L. I. City, N. Y., spares for air compressors, gun racks and mountings, Nov., 1950, $13,925; generator, starter and regulator assemblies, Sept., 1950, $7567.

Remington Rand Inc., Dayton, wing tabs, parts, July, 1950, $18,288.

Republic Aviation Corp., Farmingdale, N. Y., engineering data, June, 1950, $743,179; modification of tailpipe assembly on F-84E airplanes, Sept., 1950, $37,353; spares for F-47 aircraft, June, 1950, two contracts, $17,356, $73,936; wing panels for F-84E-1 aircraft, June, 1950, $97,436; nacelle structure unit for XF-91 airplanes, Sept., 1950, $44,565; study time of an engine thrust upon installation of J-57 engines in F-84 airplanes, July, 1950, $24,569.

Revere Electric Mfg. Co., Chicago, runaway marker lamp assembly and engineering data, Oct., 1950, $7824.

Rhodes Louis Co., Culver City, Calif., type P-3 dolly, Sept., 1950, $37,377; flexible-feed ammunition chute, June, 1951, $14,500; plastic ammunition boxes, June, 1951, $10,802.

Riley, Bernard, Sons, New York, metallic detector, Aug., 1950, $7979.

Robinson Rouchlo Optical, Columbus, O., parachute loading table assembly, Sept., 1950, $42,500.

Romec Pump Co., Elyria, O., air compressor, Oct., 1950, $8560.

Ryerson, Jos. T., and Son, Cincinnati, steel angles, Aug., 1950, $10,550.

Sayal, Inc., Los Angeles, valves, Oct., 1950, $8107.

Schenail, F. G., Rubber Co., Baltimore, airplane engines, May, 1951, $120,454; aircraft engine mounts, June, 1951, $82,775.

Schwab, S. W., Textile Corp., New York, cloth for parachutes, June, 1950, $9150.

Schwien, L. N., Engrg. Co., Los Angeles, amplifier—inverter, Aug., 1950, $37,948; prototype control bomb stabilization wiring diagrams and fabrication drawings draft of installation, Sept., 1950, $9882; type P-1 automatic parachute ejected release, Dec., 1950, $359.50.

Science Associates, Philadelphia, celestial navigation projection trainer, Aug., 1950, $8792.

Seaboard Electric Co., New York, servo controls, Aug., 1951, $58,980.

Seamless Rubber Co., New Haven, Conn., 1400 lbs. absorbent cotton, Sept., 1950, $8674.

Security Steel Equipment Corp., Avenel, N. J., cabinets, Aug., 1950, $16,128; filing cabinets, Aug., 1950, $9017.

Servo Corp. of America, New Hyde Park, N. Y., infra-red double recording magnetic-meter, Nov., 1951, $79,872.

Shaw-Walker Co., Dayton, filing cabinets, July, 1950, $18,788; insulated filing cabinets, June, 1950, $7403.

Sheldon Machine Co., Chicago, bench installation, Sept., 1950, $158,661.

Shepard Elevator Co., Cincinnati, dollies, furnish and install adjustable cable supports, Jan., 1951, $134,724.

Sidney Machine Tool Co., Sidney, O., engine geared head screw cutter, Feb., 1951, $21,722.

Sikorsky Aircraft div., United Aircraft Corp., Bridgeport, Conn., engineering inspection changes to the YH-19 helicopter contract, July, 1950, $13,833.

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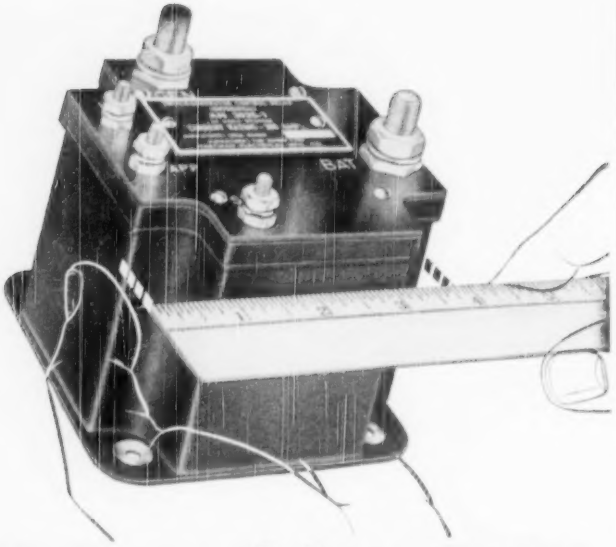

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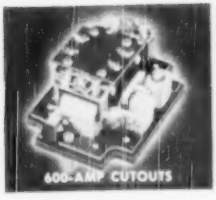

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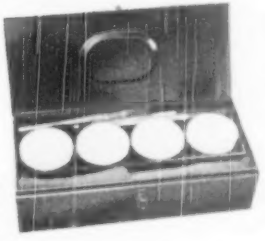

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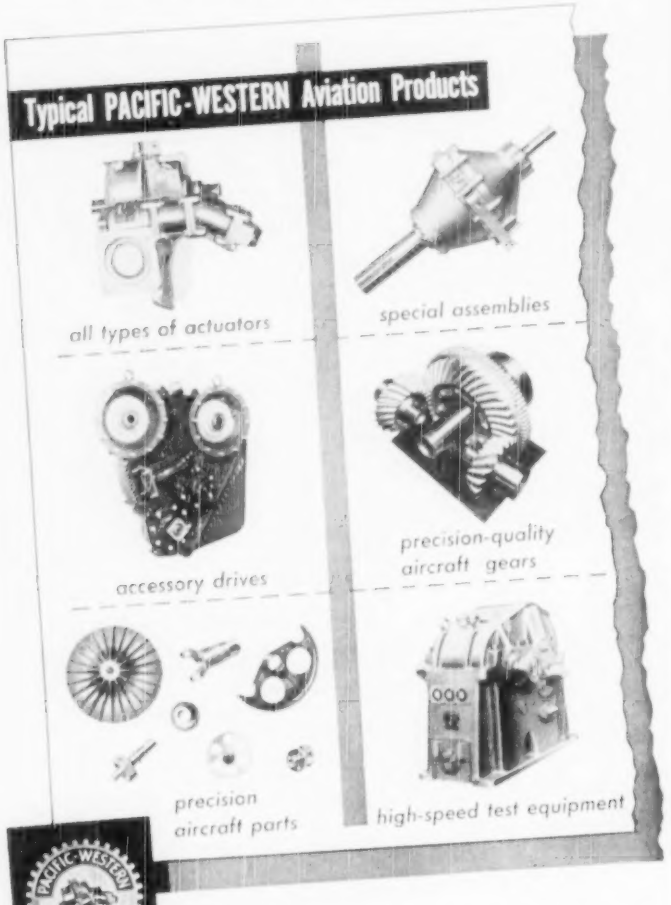

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U. S. Electrical Tool Co., Cincinnati; bench type valve refacing grinder and accessories, data, June, 1950, $3828.

U. S. Gage Corp. div., American Machine and Metals, Inc., Sellersville, Pa.; oil pressure transmitter, Dec., 1951, $3925; hydraulic pressure gages, May, 1951, $6774.

U. S. Rubber Co., Detroit; airplane casings, July, 1951, $151,432; airplane casings and tubes, July, 1950, $81,827; casings, Oct., 1950, $7231.

U. S. Steel Supply Co., Cleveland; structural steel, Sept., 1950, $12,448.

Universal Ball Co., Willow Grove, Pa.; metal balls, July, 1950, $10,994.

University of Chicago, Chicago; research program on surface and interface reactions on metals, July, 1951, $15,000; research studies and investigations in measurement in electronic methods of nuclear interaction in cosmic rays, June, 1951, $48,126.

University of Illinois, Urbana; investigations of the physical properties of semiconductors, Aug., 1951, $150,000; human tolerance to accelerations, June, 1951, $50,000.

University of Michigan, Regents of the, Ann Arbor; study of special and unusual conditions affecting high speed aircraft and missiles, May, 1951, $45,478.

University of Notre Dame, Notre Dame; develop computing techniques for analogue computing machines, June, 1951, $11,522.

Utility Electronics Corp., Newark, N. J.; parts for multimeter, Nov., 1950, $24,000.

Variety Aircraft Corp., Dayton; counting, Aug., 1950, $9479.

Vectron Inc., Waltham, Mass.; design, furnish and install servo test stand assembly, Mar., 1951, $10,951; indicator straight line, Oct., 1950, $28,958.

Victor Gloves, Inc., New York; gloves, Dec., 1950, $4372.

Victorlite Industries, Los Angeles; signal projectors, June, 1950, $5356.

Vugraph Sales, Newark, N. J.; overhead projectors, July, 1950, $4845.

WSW Mfg. Co., Burbank; 7500; photographic washer assembly, June, 1950, $27,-274.

Waltz Furnace Co., Cincinnati; electric heat treating furnace, Oct., 1950, $18,140.

Weatherhead Co., Cleveland; aircraft hardware, Sept., 1950, $6850.

Weldenhoff, Joseph, Inc., Chicago; universal automotive generator and starter test bench, test cabinet, magneto test fixture, July, 1950, $6290.

Wells-Gardner and Co., Chicago; radio modulator and transmitter, Dec., 1950, $12,468.

Western Automatic Machine Screw Co., Elyria, O.; nuts, Sept., 1950, $8760.

Western Electric Co., New York; miscellaneous parts and components, June, 1951, $160,000; resistor assemblies, May, 1951, $42,727; 160 TH boxes, Feb., 1951, $19,320; altitude computer used with CP-16-APQ-22, May, 1950, $59,200; 14 mm. and 8mm. Eastex cameras (Research Navy), July, 1950, $5274; all or materials for rather set (kit), 1951, $3054.

Western Gear Works, Lynwood, Calif.; actuator assemblies, Nov., 1950, $22,661.

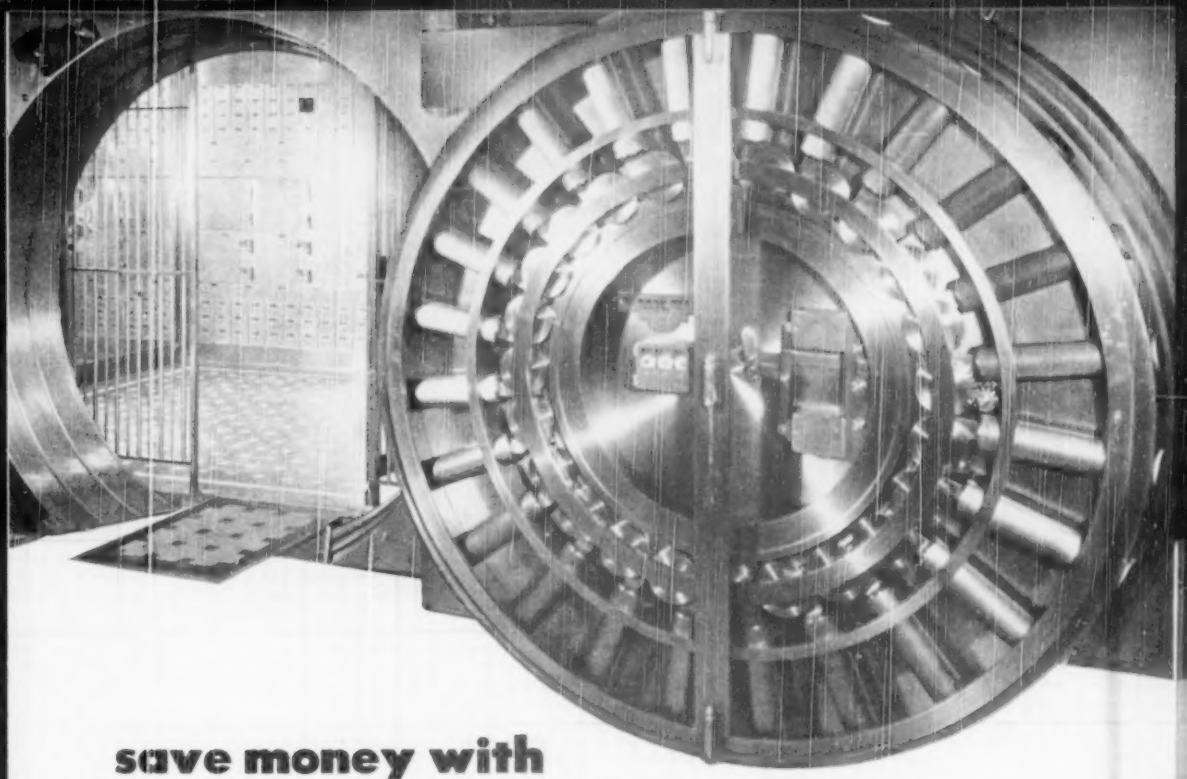
Westinghouse Electric Corp., Boston; test reports and engineering data, July, 1950, $67,000; type B generator control system, Mar., 1950, $35,000; polaris, Apr., 1951, $1,434,216; pertaining to welder and welding, Arts and instructions, May, 1951, $24,000; 2 ballast tubes, Feb., 1950, $25,-920.

Westinghouse Electric Supply Co., Dayton; on four orders, Aug., 1950, $10,918; one inboard systems, June, 1950, $8576.

Weston Electric Instrument Corp., Newark, N. J.; maintenance parts for aircraft instruments, Nov., 1950, $34,967; indicators, Jan., 1951, $18,000.

White Tuning Corp., New York; A5-1 flight equipment, Nov., 1950, $7560; repeater unit, Feb., 1950, $36,000; type P-1 gear assembly, Jan., 1950, $6643.

Wiggins, E. B., Oil Tool Co., Los Angeles; quick disconnect coupling, Nov., 1950, $11,850.



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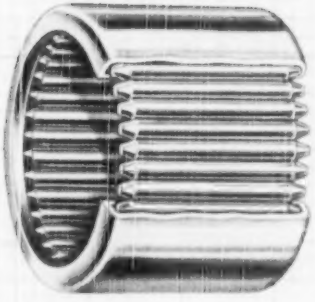

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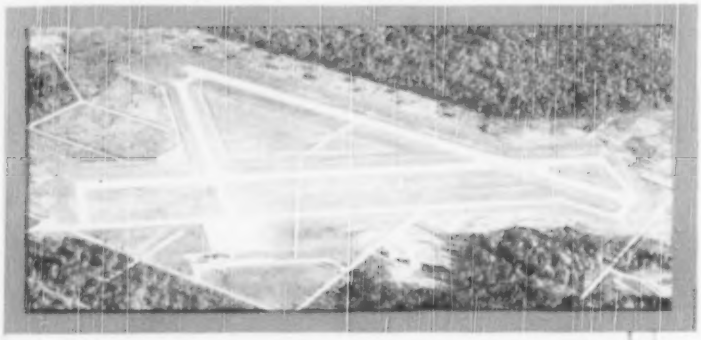

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Lab Pushes Work on Better Lubes, Fuels

Texas Co. aim is to keep product quality ahead of new equipment demands.

By Irving Stone

Research in aviation fuels and lubricants is being pushed at the Beacon, N. Y., laboratory of The Texas Co., to keep ahead of the increasing quality demands of engines and equipment.

The lab facility, which covers almost 200,000 sq. ft., recently was opened for inspection for the first time to a group of the aviation press. Approximately 25 percent of the facility's area is devoted to research in aviation products.

Because quality of Texaco's fuels and lubes finally are established at Beacon, the lab's testing procedures are necessarily extensive and thorough and frequently keyed to specific problems of equipment manufacturers and operators.

▶ **Turbojet Combustion Studies**—A highlight of the lab is the gas turbine combustion facility.

Compressors powered by 800-hp. motors supply air for single burner runs over a wide range of simulated conditions. A preheater brings the inlet air up to proper temperature.

Combustion studies primarily are concerned with effects of altering fuel properties and the interrelation of fuels and equipment design.

Currently, studies are being conducted on a Pratt & Whitney J42 Turbo-Wasp combustion chamber to evaluate fuel performance up to 60,000 ft. Test runs covering 20 hours are conducted on an intermittent basis.

▶ **Rumpet Setup**—Studies of combustion in steady flow systems are being conducted with a rumpet rig under contract with the Office of Naval Research.

A movable flame holder is used and a cooling water spray downstream can be advanced or retracted to control exhaust temperature. View ports reveal flame action.

▶ **CFR Studies**—A Cooperative Fuel Research engine, almost completely automatic, checks anti-knock qualities of aviation gasoline.

Automatic controllers are used to maintain temperature, fuel-air ratio, and dynamometer speed. An automatic reference fuel blender also has been used with the unit.

Special high-output power sections have been developed for the engine to simulate more closely conditions of actual aircraft operation. These action, and in-line box fuel-system studies, with separate control of oil flow and temperature.

In all, nine CFR engines are available for checks of aviation, automotive and Diesel fuels.

▶ **CLE Data**—A Cooperative Universal Engine checks both fuel and lubricants.

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And lubricants can be checked on the basis of piston varnish, combustion chamber deposits, ring wear, valve and guide performance, and bearing corrosion.

Work with this unit is not limited to fuel and lube studies. Frequently, mechanical defects of the power section components are traced as trouble sources.

▶ **Engine Oils**—In addition to bench tests, a Continental four-cylinder engine is used for aircraft engine oil studies.

Each cylinder can be held at a different temperature through a servo-motor controlling cooling air shutters. This in effect allows four temperatures runs to be conducted simultaneously.

Tests are also conducted for the company by Pratt & Whitney on Texas-owned engines. These checks are run to cycles simulating typical airline flight schedules.

Operation of jet engine bearings with low viscosity oils is another research project. Because low temperatures are encountered at starter operation and high altitudes, a prime use of light oils, study is now progressing on how these lubricants also will stand up at high temperatures with high speeds and heavy bearing loads.

▶ **Gear Oils, Greases**—Current emphasis is on lube problems of turboprop gearing. Gear oils and greases are being performance-checked under such conditions as low and high temperatures, high speeds and vibration.

A 10,000-rpm. aircraft-gear tester with loads up to 1500 lb. determines effects on gear operation of oils and greases, tooth form and face, material finish, speed and temperature.

A 50,000-rpm. tester driven by a special Westinghouse motor is being used to investigate suitability of greases instead of oil for ultra high-speed bearing applications. Aim: to eliminate necessity for oil sumps, pumps, filters, gages and return lines.

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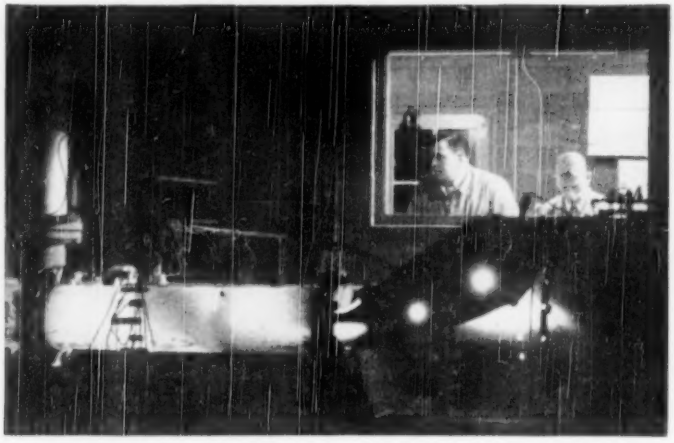
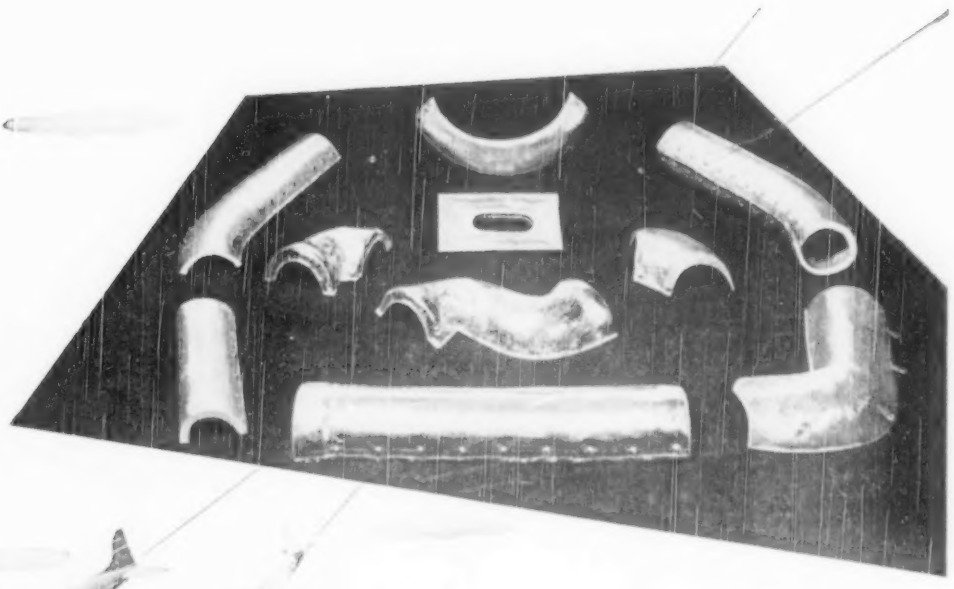


COMBUSTION TEST of burner can at Texas Company's jet lab. Two bright spots below test cell window are quartz observation ports for visual examination of flame pattern within burner.



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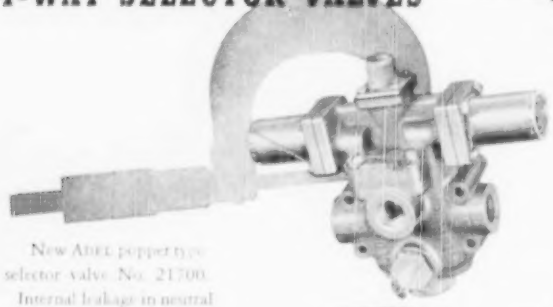

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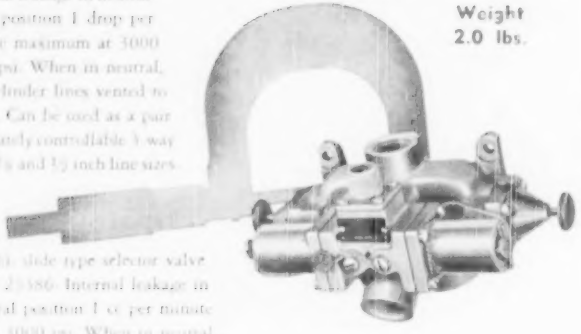

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for jet plane and rocket controls, another tester is used to oscillate bearings while subjected to temperatures of 400-500 F.

Another temperature check for greases is in ball bearings at about 300 F. The test is run in 24-hour cycles until failure is indicated by noticeable noise, or by roughness in hand turning.

► **Technical Service**—A very important phase of Texaco's Beacon Lab are the service conferences it holds with airline operating and maintenance engineers.

These "trouble shooting" sessions aim to iron out service difficulties and frequently indicate the direction new research must take.

In many instances, the factor complained of at fabrication's door is resolved after extensive checking frequently involving metallurgical studies and physical property testing, or a mechanical difficulty stemming from component design.

Model Tests Predict Spin Characteristics

Aircraft spin recovery characteristics can be predicted satisfactorily nine times out of ten from spin tunnel tests of a scale model, says the National Advisory Committee for Aeronautics in a new report.

And the tenth time, the model results are still useful in estimating some of the full-scale performance.

Basis for this claim is a correlation of full-scale and model tests of 10 different airplane designs, reported in NACA Tech. Note 2139.

► **Second Report**—The study is a follow-up to an earlier memorandum which compared test results for 21 airplanes. But the meagerness of then-available information prompted the later, more comprehensive report.

Purpose of the investigation was to get a bench mark for assessing the accuracy of spin tunnel tests as a method of predicting the performance of actual planes. NACA analyzed the results of such tests, and compared them to full-scale aircraft spin data for 10 different airplane configurations.

Types studied varied from biplanes of the 1920 era to the swept-wing designs of 1948.

In a limited number of cases, tests were made of parachute deployment for spin recovery. These studies predicted somewhat larger parachutes than were found necessary in previous flight trials.

There were some variations between full-scale and model performance. Most of these were small, and did not affect the overall conclusions arrived at in the study.

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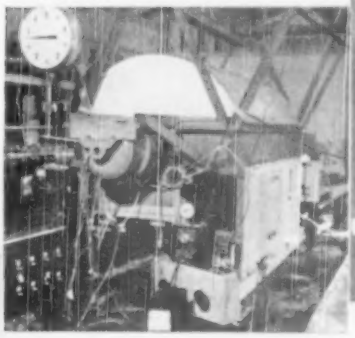

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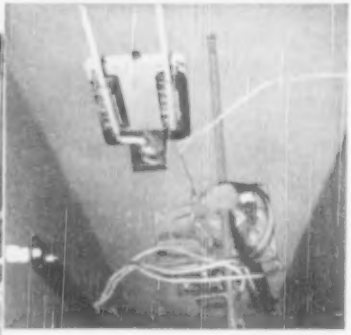

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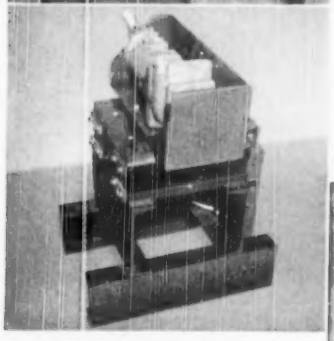

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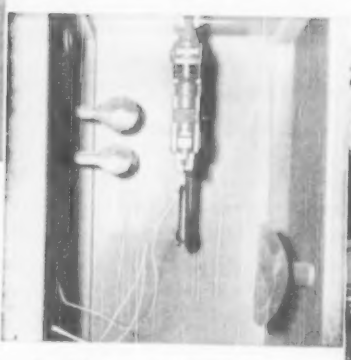

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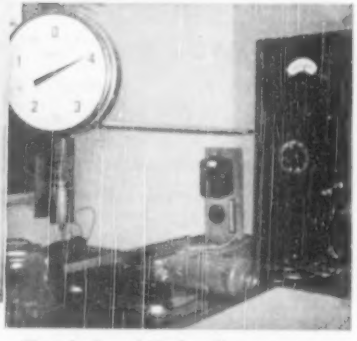

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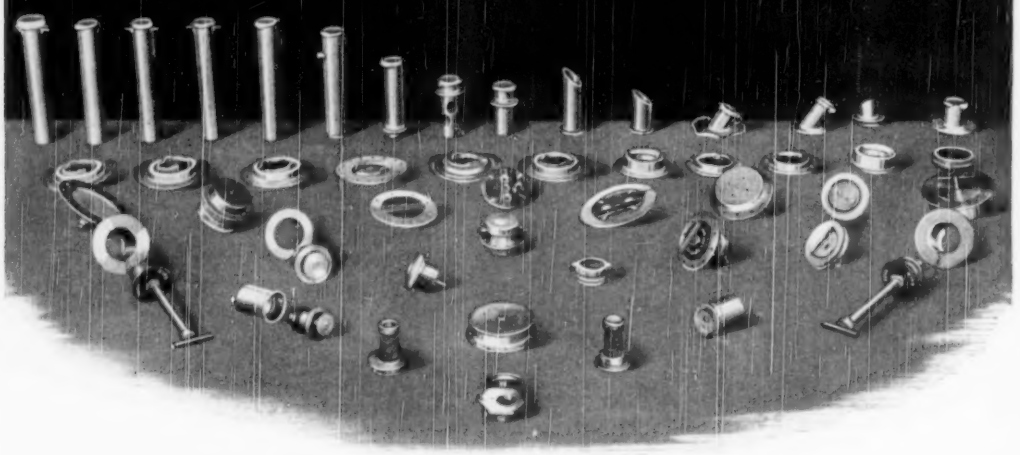

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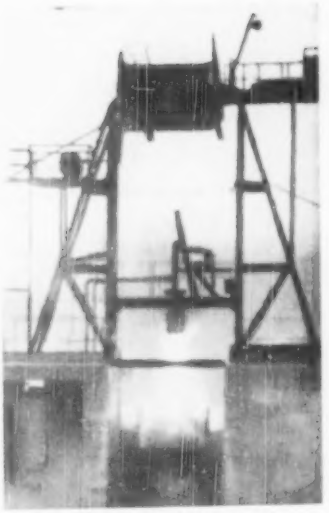

POWERPLANT for D-558-II during static firing in climbing attitude and (right) single rocket cylinder in conventional vertical test.

RMI Rocket Test Stand Simulates Flight Attitudes

A rotating-beam test stand, designed and operated by Reaction Motors, Inc., Rockaway, N. J., is representative of the many special-purpose devices needed by rocket engine developers.

Major purpose of the stand is to simulate changing flight attitudes during test runs on complete rocket powerplants. Single rocket cylinders can also be fired from an A-frame on the stand, without using the rotating beam. This flexibility is one of the outstanding design features.

Test and acceptance runs have been made on the engine installations of the Douglas D-558-II Skyrocket and the Martin Viking.

▶**Skyrocket Tests**—Firings of the Skyrocket motor were made with the beam in a nearly horizontal position. Engine components are strapped to the beam in locations simulating their place in the aircraft. Then, by rotating the beam either before or during the firing, airplane flight attitude effects can be checked.

▶**Viking Vertical**—Powerplant checks for Martin's Viking are performed with the rotating beam positioned in a vertical attitude.

The complete tankage, lines, pump, steam system and other accessories are mounted above the rocket motor just as in the missile.

Jet discharge from the rocket motor blasts downward through a water-spraying ring to impinge on an inverted-cone waterbox. Cooling water is circulated at the rate of about 1000 gpm through this box.

▶**Rugged Structure**—The rotating beam is mounted on a rugged I-beam structure which is anchored in concrete.

Permissible thrust loading on the concrete is 75,000 lb., but to handle so large a rocket motor, some rework of the steel superstructure would be necessary.

Fuel tankage and pump room are located in the concrete base of the stand. Instrumentation is in a separate protected enclosure. Operators are about 200 ft. away in a semi-buried control room.

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▶**Samples Tested**—Sheet stock samples used by the Bureau were MI, AZ31X, AZ61X, AZ91X alloys and a clad alloy core of AZ31X sheet with exterior of two layers of MI alloy. Extrusions ZK60, AZ61X, AZ80X and AZ80X-HIA also were studied.

Standard ASTM reduced-section tension specimens were modified where possible to use grip ends of 1-in. or 1½-in. width, rather than the usual ¾-in. width. Purpose of increased width was to minimize failure caused by stress-corrosion around bolt holes.

▶**Weather Conditions**—Stressed and unstressed specimens were exposed to weather at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington and at Hampton Roads, Va. At the latter site, the specimens were on a platform built out over the tidewater.

Laboratory tests also were made with stressed specimens in a solution of sodium chloride and potassium chromate and by intermittent immersion in a sodium chloride solution.

▶**Conclusions**—The corrosion culprit seemed generally to be aluminum. As the content of that metal increased, so did the susceptibility to stress corrosion in weather.

MI-clad AZ31X-h alloy proved to be the most resistant to stress corrosion.

Among the unclad alloys, MI-h sheet and ZK60 extrusion were partially resistant to stress corrosion.

Specimens stressed at the Washington site failed in shorter periods of time than those exposed to the same loading conditions in the marine atmosphere.

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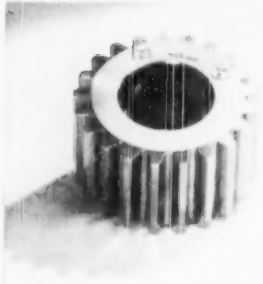

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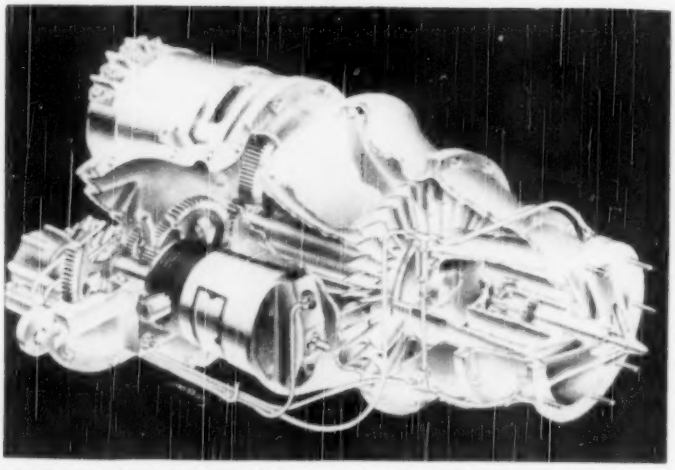

COMPACT DESIGN of typical Marquardt air turbine-driven accessory powerplant is shown in cutaway.

Ram Air, Steam Drive Turbines

Announcement of the production and development of four accessory powerplants for guided missiles and piloted aircraft has been made by the Marquardt Aircraft Co. of Van Nuys, Calif.

These accessory drives can be powered either by ram air or by steam from the decomposition of hydrogen peroxide. Marquardt claims their horsepower-to-weight ratio is more than four times greater than that of conventional, reciprocating engine accessory units.

► **Drives Described**—Four different powerplants were described.

• **A high-speed ram** air turbine which drives two hydraulic pumps and a constant speed alternator through a reduction gear. It uses a hydraulic speed control also developed by Marquardt which governs within 5 percent. The unit is for a Navy missile.

• **A unit** whether air or steam-driven is not stated which drives a high-speed alternator direct. An electronic governor and throttle maintain rotational speed within 1½ percent. Powerplant is slated for an Air Force missile.

• **A high-speed ram air** turbine which drives direct a large capacity fuel pump. This one is for missile application.

• **A complete accessory drive** which has been designed to operate on either ram air or hydrogen peroxide.

► **Logical Choice**—The use of ram air or steam as a driving medium for the turbine is a logical design choice. High-speed aircraft can either bleed air from the jet compressor section or use an air scoop to take it on board. Missiles can use either ram air or steam from the more conventional steam plant (hydrogen peroxide with a catalyst).

Missile units are throttling on the intake side to govern the amount of air swallowed by the turbine. One model does this by a bullet-shaped throttle at the air intake.

Installation of these powerplants can be made at remote points, with air supplied through a system of ducts. In this case, the advantage of a distant location would be weighed against the disadvantage of ducting loss.

Aro to Operate AF Development Center

The growing trend toward operation of government research and development facilities by private management organizations under contract is spotlighted by the recent designation of Aro, Inc., a Tennessee corporation, to run Air Force Arnold Engineering Development Center, near Tullahoma, Tenn.

Major reason for this type of contract seems to be the ability of private organizations, with overall management contracts to offer more attractive salaries to researchers than could be paid if the facility were government-operated and subject to Civil Service pay limitations.

Maj. Gen. Franklin O. Carroll, commanding general of the AEDC, will have charge of programming the tests to be performed at the center. But the actual testing will be done by the contractor's personnel under direction of David Roy Shoults, Aro director of engineering, formerly associated with General Electric and Bell Aircraft. Aro is affiliated with the St. Louis engineering firm of Sverdrup and Parcel, Inc.

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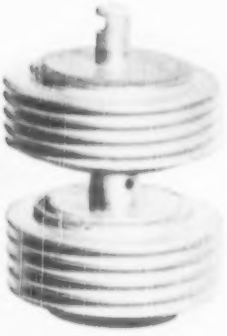

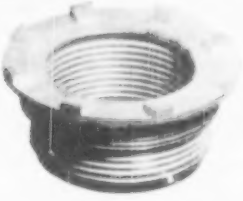

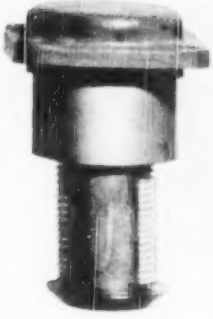

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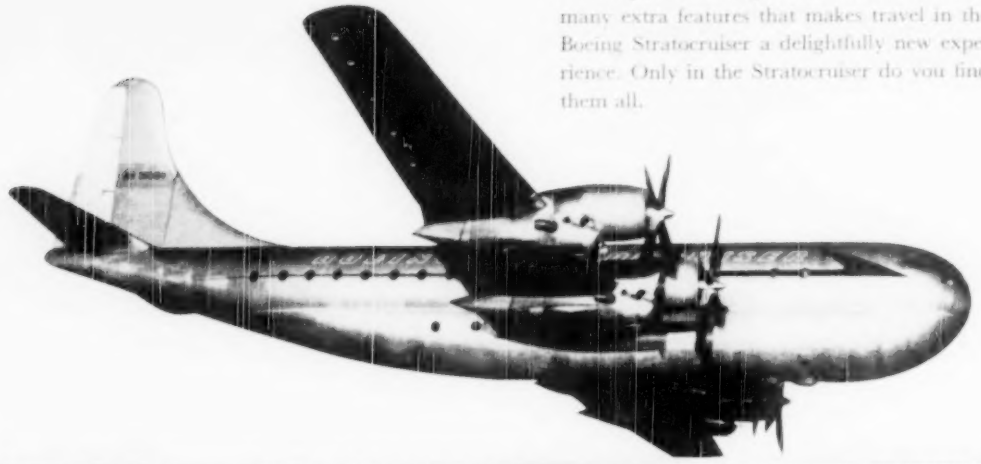

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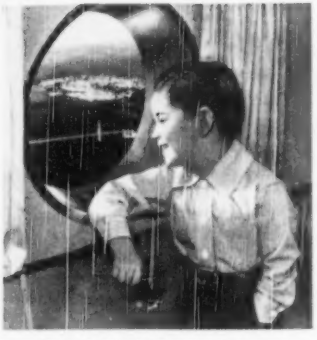

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Turbine Transport Airworthiness

Suggested certification requirements offered as stimulus to industry by CAA's George Haldeman.

The Civil Aeronautics Administration is lifting the hazy curtain from the turbine transport scene.

It doesn't profess to know all the answers to the numerous airworthiness problems the high-speed, high-altitude era will bring, but it is tackling those which seem capable of being resolved now. Other solutions will have to be left to development during the certification procedure and operational testing programs.

George W. Haldeman, chief of CAA's aircraft division, aired some of the most pertinent considerations at the recent annual summer meeting of the Institute of the Aeronautical Sciences in Los Angeles (AVIATION WEEK, July 24).

The solutions advanced were not offered as a rigid line of thinking, but rather as a gesture to stimulate discussion with industry and operators so that airworthiness requirements for commercial turbine planes may be evaluated efficiently and in sufficient time. Here are some of the problems Haldeman uncovered:

▶ **Speed Factors**—Higher operating speeds of turbine-powered craft will require re-evaluation of structural design criteria in present Civil Air Regulations.

Design speed for flaps used as high lift devices should be selected by the designer but probably should not be less than 1.8 the stalling speed of the plane in the configuration specified for the particular condition.

This speed should be sufficient where flaps are used for high lift devices alone.

Spread between design speed for maximum gust (40 fps.) and design cruising speed should account for the time required to slow the airplane to the rough air speed, and account for the rate of increase to design cruising speed in the event of upset at speed for maximum gust.

In selecting the design cruising speed, the value should be large enough to cover the spread between it and design speed for maximum gust and be consistent with actual plane performance.

Suggestion was that this value be at least equal to the speed corresponding to continuous cruise power plus an increment of Mach .05.

For aircraft with designed dive speed Mach numbers under .65, probably no change will be necessary for present design cruise and design dive speed relationships.

For values over M .65, an adequate margin between these two factors will probably be needed to insure that design dive speed will not be exceeded. The amount of spread should take into consideration design provisions to limit speed.

▶ **Maneuver, Gust Envelopes**—The high speed of the jet craft will involve a larger turning radius, hence decreased maneuverability. With carefully controlled operations, no increase in maneuvering load factor may be required; otherwise, an increase in the present 2.5G maximum value for design will be necessary.

Determination of maximum lift coefficient and variation of other aerodynamic parameters probably will make it impossible to realize a load factor of 2.5 at, say, 40,000 ft. Hence it may be desirable to check for only those load factors that can be achieved in connection with buffeting loads.

Reports of severe gusts encountered at 40,000 ft., some in clear air, make questionable the advisability of using statistical methods as a basis for reduction of gust strength criteria.

In the absence of further information it may be advisable to consider that the magnitudes of gusts are equivalent to those specified for sea level, with no change for effect of altitude.

▶ **Aerodynamic Proving**—For the high Mach number transport, difficulties of predicting compressibility effects and greater influence of small and local changes in configuration indicate that specific wind tunnel test data may be required as a minimum to determine design air loads.

▶ **Structural Flight Tests**—In accelerated flight, a high speed plane may show unfavorable handling characteristics or experience critical loading or vibration conditions. Because it is difficult to analyze theoretically these adverse conditions, the limit lines of the V-G diagram may have to be established in structural flight tests.

Buffeting and other critical conditions may require consideration of an operating V-G envelope.

▶ **Speed Control Flaps**—Unless provision is made to automatically limit inadvertent speed pickup, the high speed craft probably will frequently approach or exceed design never-exceed speed.

Dive brake type speed control flaps are one answer, but any device utilized should have full effect in 5 sec.

▶ **Braking**—Because of higher climb-out speeds, more efficient braking will be needed for discontinued takeoffs. Absence of reverse prop thrust will also be a braking factor.

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squirel, also two braking systems if a supplementary slowdown means is not used.

► **Emergency Exits**—Speedy emergency evacuation of passengers and crew will be a prime consideration—1 sec. per person, and 1 min. total for all, appearing feasible. A few larger doors seem more suitable than many smaller openings.

Inward opening doors may be required for added safety because of pressure differences in flight. But since inward opening may affect quick egress, exit approaches would have to be unobstructed.

► **Oxygen**—To cope with explosive decompression above 25,000 ft., immediate supply of oxygen will be a "must" for passengers and crew.

Possible solutions: passengers be given masks and use instructions before going above 25,000 ft. (method would have poor psychological effect); flooding of cabin with oxygen (may be impractical at extreme altitudes because of large supply necessarily involved). Or structure could be made sufficiently strong to eliminate possibility of explosive decompression, eliminating need for additional breathing equipment over that now required.

► **Augmentation**—Quick acceleration of the engine, particularly in discontinued landing procedures, will be an important consideration.

This problem could be resolved with special devices, specific operating procedure, and/or tests.

Poor takeoff performance of the turbine plant will warrant some means of thrust augmentation. Methods available now for this purpose are tailpipe burning, water injection or JATO-type means.

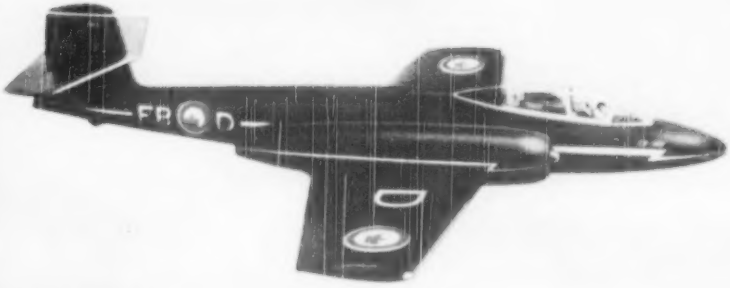
► **Blowout**—Combustion failure at higher altitudes will be another problem. Solutions point to improved chamber design, variable-area fuel nozzles, and fuels for better efficiency at altitude.

► **Reliability**—This will be a prime consideration for turbine plants.

It must be shown that they will give reliable service between overhaul periods, with remote chance of breakdown.

Initial overhaul periods will have to be conservative, with overhaul time extension justified only by service experience.

► **Fuel Factors**—Storage of fuel in airline transports will pose difficulties. If fuselage tanks are installed, these provisions will have to be considered: tank protection for crash landing by placing adequate structure between tank and exterior, tanks to be sufficiently strong to withstand forces in a crash in which passengers could survive (feasibility of 20G value should be checked); sufficient isolation and ventilation of tanks; restriction to use of low-volatility fuel to



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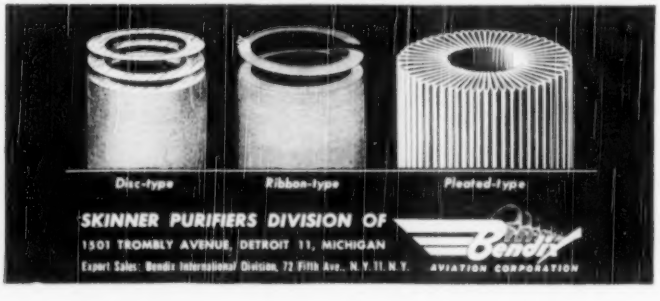


minimize crash fire hazard in view of suitability of this type of fuel for turbine engines.

▶ **Icing**—Control of icing on turbine plants apparently will pose greater difficulty than with piston engines.

Advantages and performance loss with alternate intakes are being checked by research groups, together with these ice-fighting schemes: boosting inlet air temperature (bleed), heating hollow inlet vanes, inertia separators, electric heating, resistant coatings, alcohol injection for compressor inlet, eddy current heat (magnetization), and retractable inlet screen.

▶ **Fire Systems**—Satisfactory detection and extinguishing installations will be key considerations for commercial turbine transports. Military operations have turned up fire difficulties with the turbine plant.

Vapor and liquid-tight firewalls will be required, and additional design and weight sacrifices will be necessary to minimize fire hazard.

▶ **Windmilling**—Means will be needed for turbine windmilling control because a failed engine will introduce drag, danger of damage to engine and structure, and likelihood of fire.

Possible solutions: use of a front cover, rear cover, or braking.

▶ **Temperature, Humidity**—Temperature and humidity effects should be considered for temperatures above freezing. And until experience warrants, no credit should be allowed for temperatures below freezing because of the icing danger.

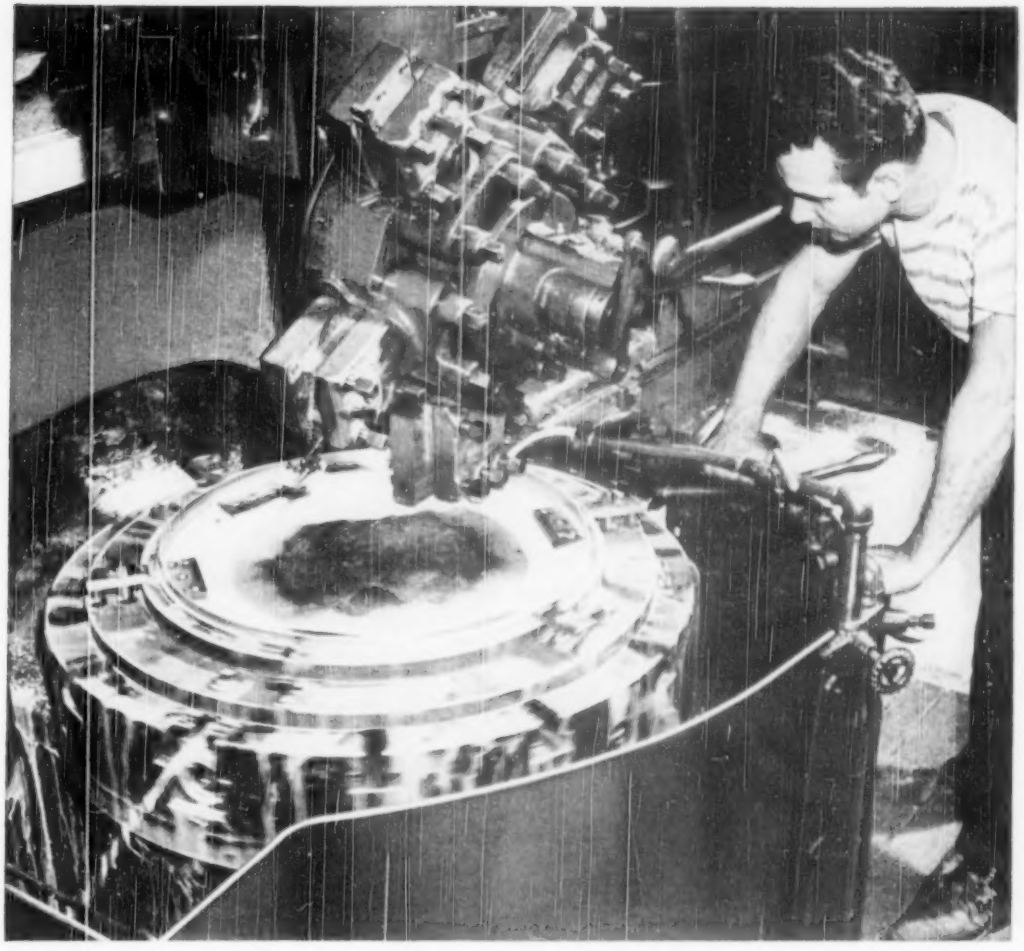
▶ **Takeoff Path**—Normal operating climb-out speed probably is considerably higher with the turbojet plane than with the piston-powered craft; hence, the all engine takeoff flight path may be more critical in areas close to the field where obstacles usually are avoided by a climb instead of turn.

Suggestion is that the manufacturer's airplane flight manual schedule an all engine takeoff flight path from the field's end, with acceleration provided along the path to a satisfactory climb-out speed and including the gradient of climb with maximum continuous power.

This will permit scheduling of adequate obstacle clearance and acquaint pilots with correct normal operation.

▶ **Engine Failure Speed**—Engine failure early in the takeoff run, particularly with the turbojet, might not be recognized quickly because of the slow acceleration and the close inboard engine grouping, which reduces effect of asymmetric thrust. These conditions will vary with the particular plane.

One solution seen is selection of an engine-failure speed at a low value, where accelerate-stop distance would not be critical, only the distance to climb to 50 ft. would limit field size.



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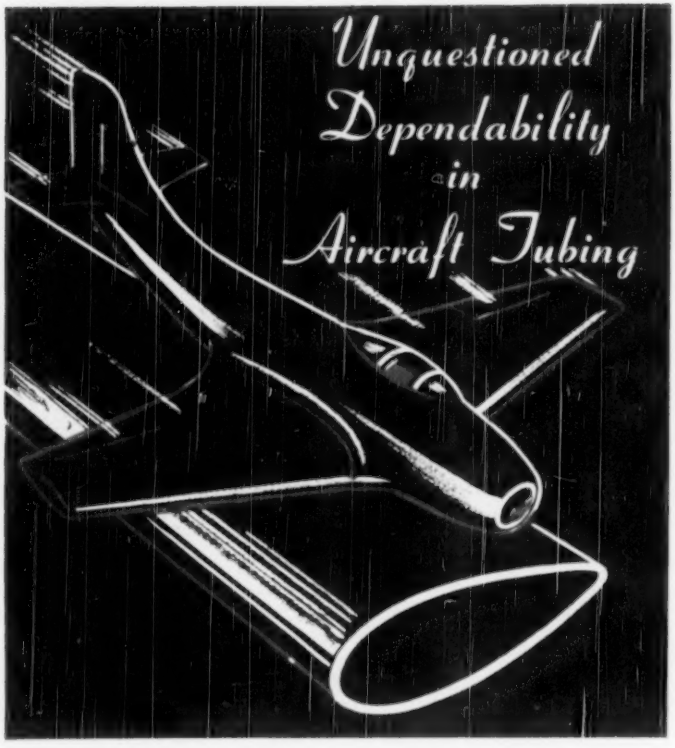

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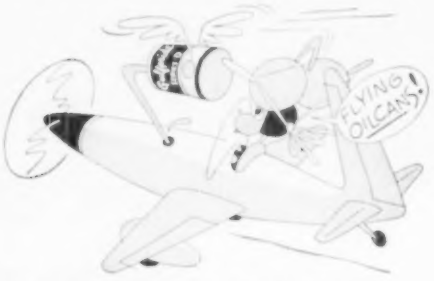

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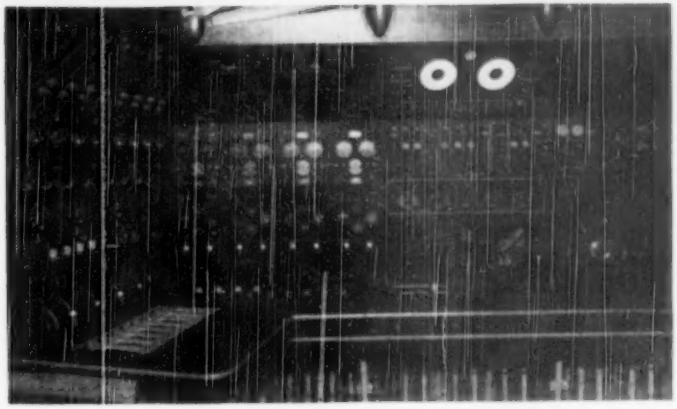

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Next section, reading clockwise around the L, has eight propeller controls mounted on desk and panel immediately above.

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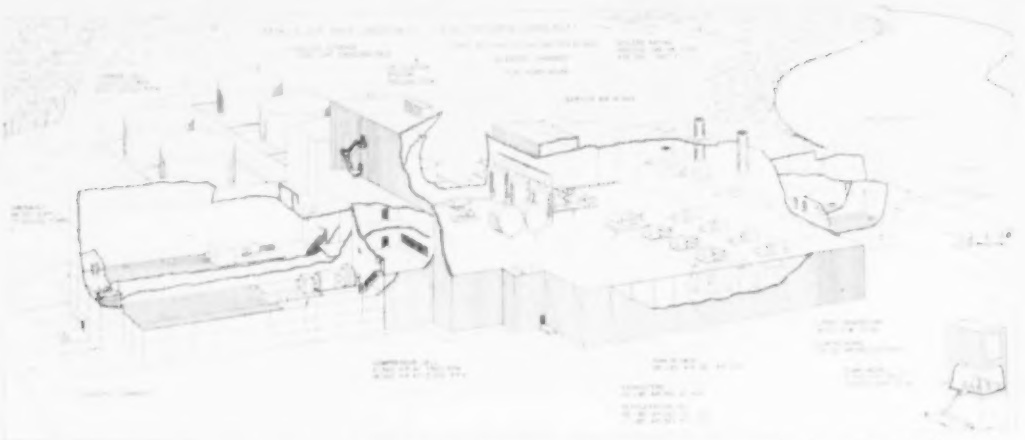

EXTENSIVE equipment necessary for adequate ground testing of engines and components is emphasized by this cutaway sketch.

Willgoos Lab: Proving Ground for Engines

New turbine laboratory simulates flight tests on engines, components.

This pictorial layout shows the Andrew Willgoos Turbine Laboratory—East Hartford, Conn., proving ground for Pratt & Whitney's complete engines and components.

The huge windowless structure, reported to be the largest privately-owned facility of its kind, is 400 ft. long, 6 stories high.

The battery of war-surplus Navy marine boilers seen at rear of the service equipment section in the center of the building supplies power for the entire lab.

Compressors in this section pack in air for component tests; exhausters create air densities to simulate altitudes up to 65,000 ft.; a ram blower pushes air at speeds up to 550 mph. for jet testing at simulated high speeds; and a refrigeration unit brings air temperatures down to −70 F.

Below floor level, a jungle of piping carries air, water, fuel and oil to the test chambers.

Front section, housing the turbine and compressor cells, is 135 ft. long, with protective portions of walls and ceilings constructed of 2 ft.-thick reinforced concrete. A large installation (not shown) straightens out air sucked into the test chamber to insure a smooth flow.

Turbine engine burner components are checked in the two cells at the extreme right. A large tank (not visible) holds water which is pumped to the test stand to cool the hot exhaust gases.

Cooling water from the Connecticut River, reducing the 2,000 exhaust gases and steam to turbine condensers, is handled by a system with a capacity of 120,000 gpm.

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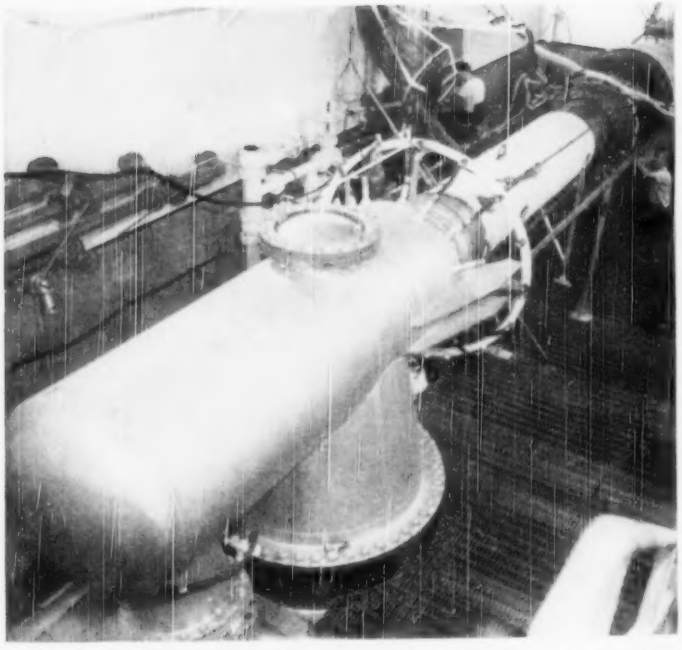
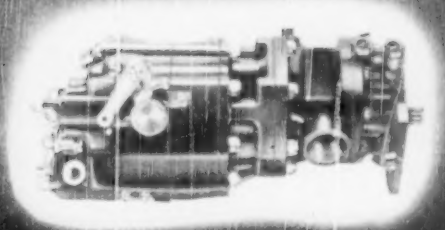


BURNER TEST apparatus uses cooling water, stored in tank in foreground, for reducing exhaust gas temperature. Water sprays through ring into hot gas stream.

THE AIRCRAFT: Air Force F-90 produced by Lockheed

THE ENGINE: Westinghouse J-34 Jet Engine

THE FUEL SYSTEM: Holley R-46 Turbine Control



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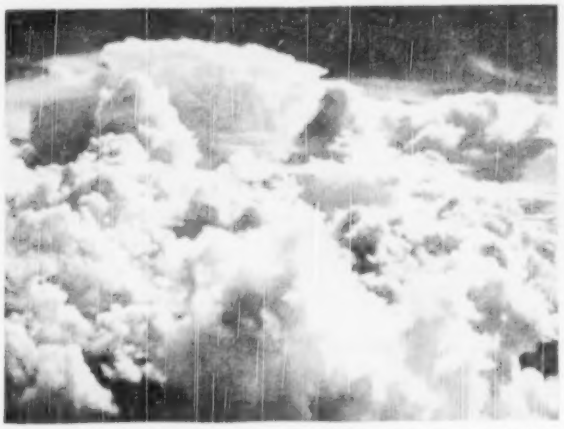

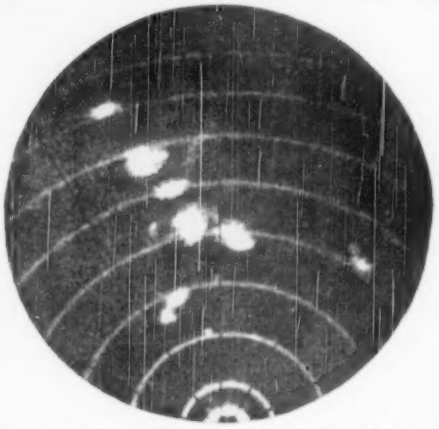

CUMULO NIMBUS clouds as seen from aircraft (left). Plane altitude 10,000 ft., cloud top 28,000 ft., base 1500 ft. Photographed from range of 20 mi. Display on radar scope (right) shows response at 15 mi. from cumulus clouds at middle left of photograph.

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Operational tests prove EKCO unit's value as storm cloud, obstacle detector; "map-painting" use seen.

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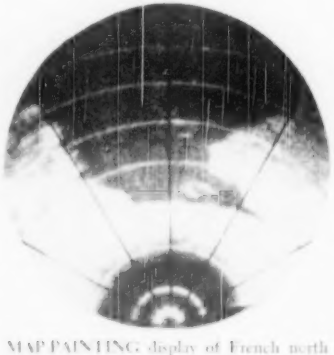

MAP PAINTING display of French north coast. Seine river inlet shows at right.

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• **Temperatures** from +55 to —40 degrees C. do not impair performance of the unit.

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▶ **Performance**—As a result of extensive tests in cooperation with BOAC, EKCO announces the following performance for the equipment:

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• **Low, sandy beaches** appeared at between 30-40 miles, depending on presence of vegetation, etc.

• **Surface ships** and planes were detected at varying ranges—25 miles being typical for an average-size ship, 11 miles for a large aircraft and five miles for a small plane.

• **Clouds** which could not be picked up at a range greater than ten miles were not considered dangerous and were said to be unlikely to cause more than slight discomfort.

Usefulness of the radar for "map-painting" is enhanced by incorporation of gyro stabilization for the scanner within the limits of ±10 degrees in pitch and ±45 degrees in roll.

▶ **Components**—The aerial system proper consists of an 18-in. paraboloid, illuminated by a back-fed dipole and reflector. This assembly scans over an

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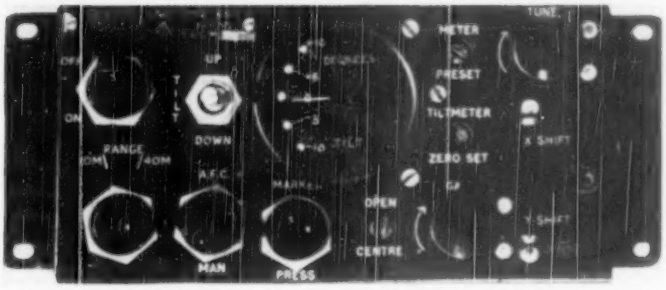

EKCO control unit. Tilt switch and position indicator are in the centre of the panel.

are at 150 degrees in azimuth once per second, providing a cone of R.F. energy subtending an angle of approximately 6 degrees, scanning 75 degrees on either side of the line of flight of the aircraft.

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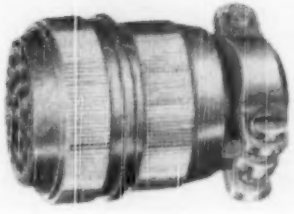
GYRO-STABILIZED transmitter-receiver unit installed in nose of Hythe flying boat.



Air Force Buying Scintilla Connectors

Electrical aircraft connectors embodying "Scinflex" rubber type dielectric and cable gripping parts are now being procured by the USAF to meet certain critical electric applications.

Scintilla Magneto division of the Bendix Aviation Corp., Sidney, N. Y., manufactures the connectors and claims they provide excellent resistance to moisture and vibration.

Cadmium-plated aluminum alloy shells enclose the "Scinflex" (polychloroprene) inserts. Self-aligning contacts feature:

- Springs designed to provide minimum voltage drop without high spring pressures.
- Easily accessible soldering wells.
- Ease of maintenance, being removable without connector disassembly.

The units are designed to meet "M" connector specifications in accordance with Amendment No. 1 of the latest military specification for electrical connectors, MIL-C-5015.

Nozzle Tester

A nozzle for spraying liquid into a fan-shaped array of tubes is the heart of a new method devised by engineers at the Beacon, N. Y., laboratories of the Texas Co. to determine uniformity of fuel distribution.

Open ends of the tubes, placed across the diameter of the spray, collect liquid from the nozzle in graduated glass vials. The amount in each vial indicates clearly the spray pattern of the nozzle being tested. A slight vacuum in each vial facilitates the flow of fuel through the lines.

The unit is used for both intermittent and steady-flow nozzles.

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NEW AVIATION PRODUCTS

Swallows Noise

An exhaust muffler which reduces aircraft engine noise about 60 percent reportedly will soon undergo examination by the CAA on a DC-3 transport.

The muffler is a development of the Aero Sonic Corp., 99 Murray St., N. Y. It already is approved by the CAA for use with Pratt & Whitney 450 hp. Wasp Junior engines.

Aero Sonic says it is designing other mufflers which can be used with smaller engines and on large transports. For the 450-hp. engine, the device is 32 in. long, 9 in. in diameter and weighs 15 lb.

The company explains that no baffles are used to cut down noise. Sound absorption is accomplished through use of stainless steel blanketing. While it is highly effective in cutting noise, the new silencer does not reduce engine power, the firm says.

The unit is the invention of Eddy D. Latulippe, Aero Sonic's general manager. Basic design consists of a tube mounted within a tube with a Venturi-shaped tailpipe to induce a jet action in scavenging gases from the muffling chamber.

The outer stainless steel pipe is insulated with 2 in. steel wool and has an inner wall which is perforated. The inner pipe is in effect, a second tube of steel wool with a perforated inlet cone and inner wall giving a total of three surfaces of 1200 sq. in. and nearly 700 perforations to absorb the noise as it passes through the muffler.

Aero Sonic says tests showing the device reduced engine noise by as much as 60 percent were conducted by the College of Engineering of New York University. After a recent demonstration of the muffler by officials of the CAA and Aircraft Owners and Pilots Assn. in Washington, D. C., J. B. Hartranft Jr., executive director of AOPA, is quoted by an Aero executive as saying: "We are extremely impressed with the ... [illegible] ... to encourage the use of this or similar devices among private and commercial aircraft users."

Loads From Bottom

A system of loading fuel trucks from the bottom, similar to underwing refueling in aircraft, has been adopted by Shell Oil Co. at Washington (D.C.) Airport.

Shell says the new technique is safer, easier and more economical than the present method of filling tanks from the top. The driver doesn't have to climb up on his truck to complete filling operations. Conventional overhead loading racks have been removed.

As an added bonus, the appearance of the tank storage area at the field has been improved. Storage tanks, half-submerged in the ground, fuel lines and night-lighting units are neatly arranged in compact groups.

An important feature of the new system is a novel coupling and valve arrangement linking the bottom of the truck with the storage tank delivery line. This device prevents leakage and "permits excellent control of the flow of gasoline." A safety valve at the top of the truck prevents overflow.

Shell feels the change-over to the bottom-loading technique at Washington Airport "may lead to revamping of aviation truck refueling methods at other airports."

Rubber Drive Wheels

"Good traction under all types of weather conditions" is the strong point of a new driving wheel developed originally for Douglas Aircraft Co. by the B. F. Goodrich Co., Akron, Ohio.

These units are true rubber tires pulled tubes which serve as driving wheels for two (electrically operated) elevator hoists in the C-124 Globemaster. The tires were designed to meet rigid traction specifications, so rigid, in fact, that design and rubber compound problems presented in their development "nearly baffled rubber men," according to Goodrich.

The rollers are made of a new rubber compound which permits them to maintain constant traction. They withstand low and high temperatures ranging from —60 to 140 F. without shrinking from the traction surface. They also must withstand high pre-loads without permanent set so that traction will be adequate while operating on inclines that may often be as great as 6 percent.

ALSO ON THE MARKET

Flame-retardant plastic insulation for electric cable has been developed by du Pont. Called Rulon, product will not drip when molten, can be extruded at high speed or injection molded. Electric properties are comparable, but not equivalent, to those of polythene. Address: E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington 98, Del.

Corrosion-proof instrument tubing, under tradename Dekoron, is made of metal protected by a thin coating of thermoplastic. Maker says tubing can be bent easily without chipping plastic coating. Address: Samuel Moore & Co., Mantua, Ohio.

Magnetic-particle clutches, used by the Navy for control of radar and other equipment, now are offered to industry for machine control applications. Device uses mixture of iron particles and flake graphite in magnetic field to link driving and driven parts. Advantages: fast response, no wear on torque transmitting surfaces, torque at zero slip. Address: Vickers Electric division, Vickers, Inc., 1815 Locust St., St. Louis, Mo.

Impregnated glass fiber material comes in ready-to-use rolls. Product contains a polyester compound, including catalyst, in a dry state. To form into parts, such as antenna housings, material is trimmed, laid on die to proper thickness and heat cured by conventional means. Use of "Dreipels" reportedly removes need of making "messy wet lay-ups" by hand. Address: Electron Products, El Monte, Calif.

New keyless drill chuck can be used with drill presses, lathes and milling machines. Drills, reamers, and other types of shank tools simply are inserted and hand tightened letting machining action center tool and further tighten chuck grip. Address: Ettco Tool Co., Inc., 594 Johnson Ave., Brooklyn 6, N. Y.

On the Lockheed F-90

An essential feature of the pressurized, air-conditioned cockpit of the new Lockheed F-90 is the windshield of bullet- and bird-resisting Multiplate Safety Plate Glass. This is a typical example of Pittsburgh's ability to meet the everchanging requirements of aircraft manufacturers in safety glasses and glazing techniques.

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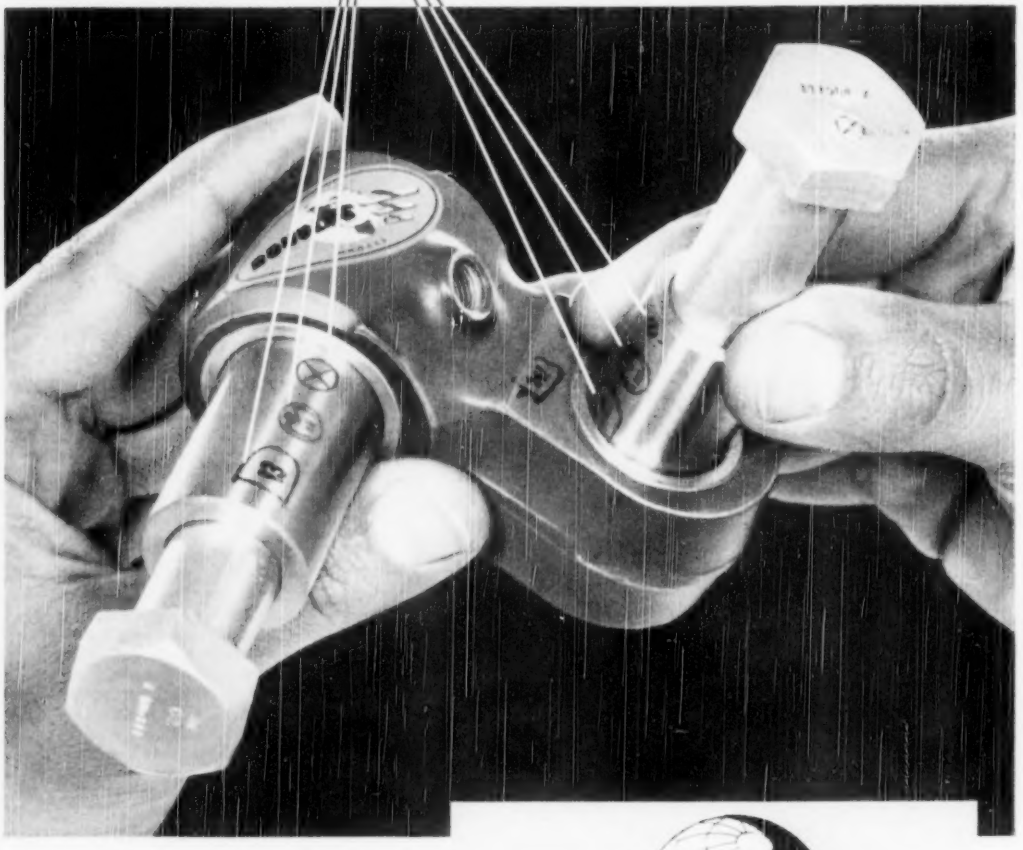

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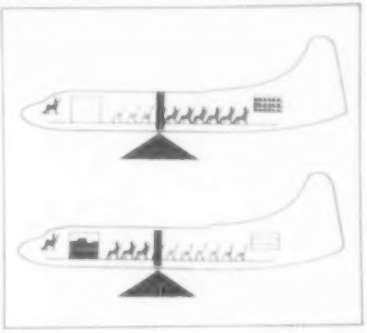


INTERIOR ARRANGEMENT of the 4-0-4 is shown in cutaway drawing (left). Baggage, cargo space and galley are forward between cockpit and main cabin; carry-on luggage, lavatory and built-in loading ramp are aft. Unusually wide C. G. range (13.5 to 38.5 percent MAC) is illustrated by sketches (right). Automatically variable angle of incidence of stabilizer allows wide variations in loading conditions.

Details of New Martin 4-0-4 Disclosed

When the Glenn L. Martin Co. delivers the first 4-0-4s to Eastern Air Lines and Trans World Airlines next spring (AVIATION WEEK May 8, p. 14), those carriers will be getting a modernized and improved version of the tried and proven Martin 2-0-2.

The main difference in configuration is a 39-in. lengthening of the 4-0-4's fuselage, giving the plane a seating capacity of 40 instead of 36.

Major operational improvement is cabin pressurization, permitting cruising altitudes of 16,000 ft. with cabin altitude of 8000 ft. The AiResearch cabin supercharging and air conditioning equipment will, in addition to providing pressurization, supply ground cooling and dehumidification (with right engine operating), an important consideration for passenger comfort.

► **Features**—The Martin Co. points to the following interesting features:

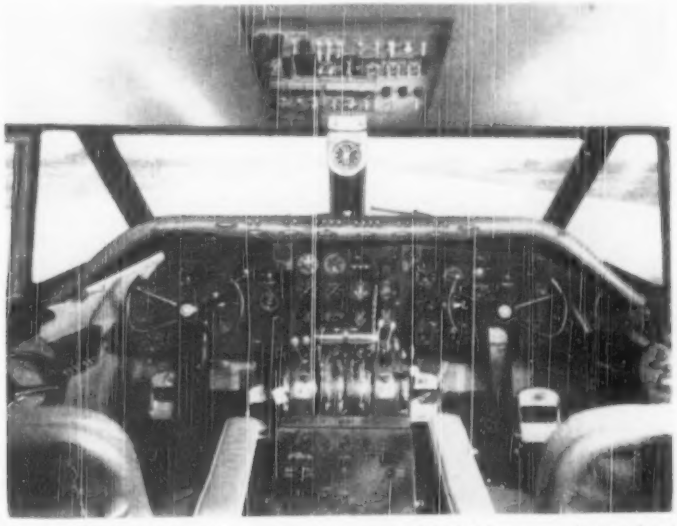
• **Ease of maintenance.** Individual access doors, carefully placed, permit simultaneous servicing of all primary systems. Mating fuel cells are easily removable.

• **Fast loading.** Built-in tail loading ramp eliminates need for unit at stations and makes en route stops of five minutes or less practical.

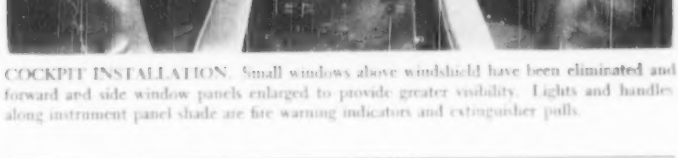
• **Public address system.** Pilot or attendant may make announcements to passengers and call their attention to points of interest.

• **Martin aileron.** Unusually short span of aileron permits use of extra long flaps which are double-slotted, giving plane a stalling speed of 79 mph. at sea level, with aft C.G. and 41,000-lb. gross weight.

► **Statistics**—Takeoff weight will probably be 43,000 lb.; landing weight [illegible]; cruising speed 280 mph. (at 1200 bhp.); 41,000 lb. high speed 312 mph.; cruise [illegible] operational range 803 mi. with payload



COCKPIT INSTALLATION. Small windows above windshield have been eliminated and forward and side window panels enlarged to provide greater visibility. Lights and handles along instrument panel shade are fire warning indicators and extinguisher pulls.



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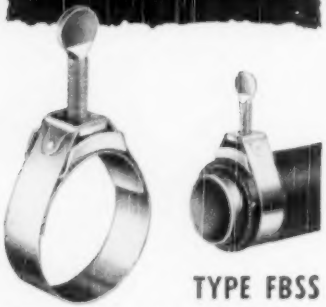

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CAB Mail Pay Power Threatened

Civil Aeronautics Board's authority to grant mail pay increases is virtually at stake in the joint House-Senate conference on the mumbus 1951 fiscal year government appropriation bill.

A so-called anti-deficiency provision, approved by the House, would require the Post Office Dept. to apportion its annual budget on a monthly or quarterly basis to prevent the need for additional funds before the year runs out. Under this stipulation the Post Office could not make mail payments in excess of the apportioned amount for the period, even though pay increases had been granted by the Board.

CAB's acting chairman, Oswald Ryan, protested that it would have "a drastic and it is believed unintended effect on the Board's power to fix rates of compensation for the transportation of mail by air carriers under the Civil Aeronautics Act."

An amendment by Sen. Edwin Johnson exempting the Post Office's $400-million budget for transportation of mail from the anti-deficiency provision was approved by the Senate last week, and the issue is now being threshed out in the joint conference.

Tower Interlocks Will Aid Control

A new electronic "mechanical interlock," now being installed by CAA at 33 airport control towers and 25 air route traffic control centers, is another step toward eliminating the human element in control work at traffic burdened airports.

Present day instrument weather controlling procedure calls for virtually continuous interphone coordination between the air traffic control center and the airport traffic control tower. This is needed to clear flight assignments and handle movements of planes.

But push buttons and electronic circuits of the mechanical interlock are planned to eliminate most of the voice work. If the control center assigns an altitude to an aircraft, the tower sees a light on its instrument panel, flashed by the center. And if the tower assigns an altitude to a plane, the center gets a similar signal on its board.

When the aircraft is turned over to the tower for "bidderng" down to landing position another button is pushed. It lights an indicator lamp telling the tower to take over. Once an altitude has been assigned, and the appropriate button pushed, no other plane can be assigned mechanically to that altitude, until the center or tower, whichever made the initial assignment releases that altitude.

The mechanical interlock is already in operation at Boston, and tentatively scheduled for installation at New York and Washington soon and at Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, Los Angeles, Seattle, Oakland, Atlanta, Memphis, Pittsburgh, Kansas City, St. Louis, Ft. Worth, New Orleans, San Antonio, Albuquerque, Cincinnati, Minneapolis, Jacksonville and Salt Lake City.

►**Connected Towers**—Four airport towers will have mechanical interlocks connected with the New York center—LaGuardia, Idlewild, Newark and Philadelphia; four are tentatively slated to be connected with the Washington center—Washington National, Friendship (Baltimore), Patuxent Naval Air Station and Andrews Air Force Base.

In Chicago, both the Midway and O'Hare airports will be connected with the Chicago center, at Cleveland, Municipal and Buffalo airports will be connected, San Francisco and Oakland with the Oakland center, Atlanta and Birmingham with the Atlanta center.

Memphis Municipal and Nashville will operate with Memphis center, and Ft. Worth's Meacham Field and Dallas Airport with Ft. Worth center.

The other centers named will work in direct mechanical interlock connection with the single commercial airports in their respective areas.

SAFETY AWARD

First four billion mile award presented to an airline by the National Safety Council is shown being handed to American Airlines President C. R. Smith (right) by James Latham, chairman of the Council's board of directors. AA set a new all-time safety record by flying 4,476,739,000 passenger miles without a fatality between Dec. 28, 1946, and Nov. 29, 1949.

Parks Routes

Appeals Court petition freezes CAB's divided decision on feeder.

A petition for judicial review of the Civil Aeronautics Board decision which took away potentially the richest feeder airline network in the U. S. from Parks Airlines Inc., of St. Louis, last week froze the case, pending a U. S. Court of Appeals decision at Washington.

The Board, in a divided decision, had split a 5000-mi. route system in the Mississippi Valley, Great Lakes and North Central regions between Ozark Airways and Mid-Continent Airlines.

► **"Ready to Go"**—Parks petitioned that it now had planes and was serving part of the route, and was "ready to go" before the other companies could establish service. It further contended that the Board's decision was not supported by evidence in the case. Parks further stated that the reason it did not establish service earlier was because in the period of March, 1948, to June, 1949, it had been unable to get financing, and that airline financing in this period was virtually impossible. The carrier claimed it was now adequately financed.

Under the Board's decision, Ozark would get a hub new eight-state feeder route which combined two of the Parks routes in the Mississippi Valley and the Great Lakes into a single system, operating with St. Louis as a central terminal. It would extend as far northeast as Indianapolis, as far north as Rockford, Ill., as far southwest as Dallas, and as far southeast as Memphis.

Mid-Continent would get the North Central segment of the Parks system, including stops in Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Iowa.

Both Ozark and Mid-Continent certificates were to be three-year temporary grants effective Sept. 26. Parks had received a temporary stay freezing the decision, pending a hearing on the case in the Court of Appeals last week.

The Board noted that it had originally awarded certificates to Parks in 1946 and 1947, and that the original certificate holder had "repeatedly delayed using its authorization."

The decision denied application by Mid-Continent to acquire control of Parks, and denied all other applications for portions of the 5000 miles of routes originally given to Parks.

► **Objection**—Dissents were voiced by Board members Russell B. Adams and Josh Lee to parts of the decision. Acting Chairman Oswald Ryan upheld it in its entirety. Member Harold Jones did not vote.

Adams objected to giving the Great Lakes portion to Ozark, agreeing with an examiner's recommendation that Turner Airlines of Indianapolis should receive the Great Lakes route.

Lee objected to the award of the North Central route to Mid-Continent, contending that it was contrary to established Board policy to permit trunk airlines to operate local air service.

The Board decision pointed out that Parks had been given a July 1, 1949 deadline for beginning operations, and had failed to comply after previous delays. Efforts of Parks to reopen the record in May, 1950, to show new evidence that it could activate its routes with twin-engine planes, financed by new capital, were denied because it would "unduly delay the decision" and would not be in the public interest.

► **Ozark Plans**—Ozark presented plans for single-engine Cessna 190 and twin-engine DC-3 equipment on the routes, with scheduled speed about the same for both types. It was selected, the Board said as the only remaining non-trunkline applicant proposing to serve the Mississippi Valley route.

The record showed that Ozark had stock subscriptions totaling $260,000 and that Ozark "will probably be able to secure a bank loan" in the amount of $400,000 upon issuance of the certificate. Further, Ozark's vice president stated that the stock subscribers were willing and able to provide additional capital of $500,000 if needed.

Ozark was selected over Turner for the Great Lakes route, the Board stated, because of the desirability of awarding both routes to the same carrier.

The Board stated that Wisconsin Central Airlines, an applicant for the North Central route, "had not shown to our satisfaction that it would be able to assemble financial resources to provide service over its present route and also establish service over the North Central route within the time required by the public interest." The Turner application for the North Central route was denied on the theory that, if granted, it would involve, in effect, operating two feeder systems with practically no traffic interchange.

Adams' dissent on the Ozark Great Lakes route award was based on his contention that Ozark had made insufficient showing of additional capital to operate this route. "The Board has too often accepted and been disappointed by courageous contentions of financial strength," he said.

Slick Airways Has Record Month

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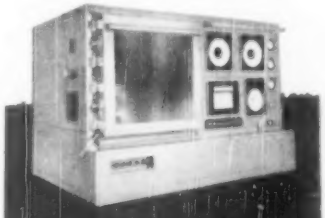

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CAB Bars NAL N.Y.-Miami Coach

An "off again, on again" Civil Aeronautics Board decision last week left National Airlines without the New York-Miami daylight air coach service that it announced and later was forced to cancel.

The Board reversed itself, denying National the air coach service, 48 hours after it had originally approved the service, a National spokesman said. The reversal came on the heels of a protest by National's principal competitor, Eastern Air Lines, against the daylight coach service.

National lost two legal maneuvers, in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia and in the U.S. District Court, when both courts refused to issue restraining orders barring the reversed decision. C. T. Baker, National president, said the airlines would have to stand on the Board's decision until further legal action could be taken.

The decision granting National the right to the service was handed down Aug. 2 by a two-to-one Board decision, with Acting Chairman Oswald Ryan away on vacation. National immediately spent $4300 to advertise the service and sell tickets for the first flights scheduled to begin last weekend. On Friday, one member changed his vote, reversing the decision, National said, and the airline's proposed service was suspended for 90 days pending an investigation.

► **Air Coach Review**—The Board's announced reason for changing the decision was because it planned to review air coach routes generally before Sept. 30, a date on which many temporary certificates expire. Therefore it was suspending the National service pending the general review.

Baker said National had spent $4 million buying 68-passenger Douglas DC-6 air coach planes for the service and that the airline had originally proposed a $55 fare for the nonstop daylight coach service, but that the Board had forced the rate up $5. "We agreed reluctantly, but with every intention of rebiding for the lower figure," he said.

He cited comparative cost figures for Eastern's and National's operation which he said showed that Eastern would need a 75-percent load factor to break even at a $58 fare, while National would need only a 49-percent load factor.

SHORTLINES

▶ Air France–And Trans-Canada Air Lines will fly the first air routes connecting France and Canada, under a bilateral agreement signed last week by representatives of the two nations. Agreement grants rights for Air France to fly into Montreal and Trans-Canada into Paris.

▶ All-American Airways–Has been authorized by Civil Aeronautics Board to suspend service temporarily at Bellefonte State College, Pa., for a year or until an adequate airport is available for regularly scheduled operations.

▶ American Overseas Airlines–Will begin first through air service between New York and the West German cities of Dusseldorf and Cologne Sept. 2. Service will be twice weekly with 44-passenger Constellations. It augments present New York-Frankfurt daily schedules of AOA.

▶ British European Airways–Passenger miles flown in first three months of 1950 totaled 40,166,325, a gain of 45.7 percent over same 1949 period.

▶ British Overseas Airways–Carried nearly 40,000 passengers and flew 102 million passenger miles in the first three months of 1950, showing a 16 percent gain over passenger miles flown in the same 1949 period.

▶ Delta Air Lines–Civil Aeronautics Board has denied its application to serve Monroe, La., as an alternate intermediate point between Shreveport and New Orleans.

▶ Mid-Continent Airlines–Will start service over a new Sioux City-Chicago route, and over Rockford-Milwaukee portion of its North Central routes Oct. 1, using 21-passenger DC-3s, available since the recent purchase of four 40-passenger Convair-Liners released five of the DC-3s for the new service.

▶ Northwest Airlines–Is establishing eastern regional and local sales, reservations and publicity offices on the 14th floor of the 535 Fifth Ave. Bldg., New York City. Company will consolidate all its New York functions, except ticket offices and airport installations, in the new office. Newly created eastern re-

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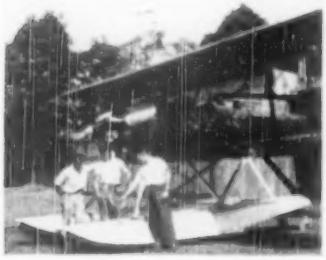

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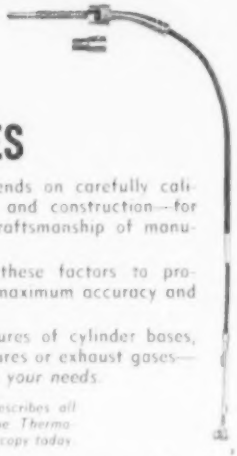

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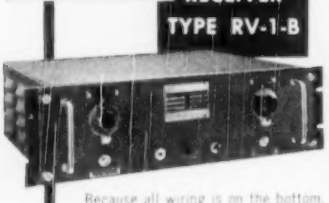

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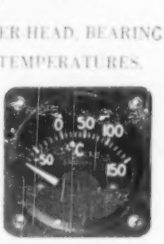

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▶ Sabena—Has been offering the consultation services of its German representative, Raymond Healy, in New York, to travel agencies and domestic airlines. He had made a transcontinental tour of U. S. cities, drumming up American tourist travel to Germany.

▶ Southern Airways—Has received amendment of its certificate from Civil Aeronautics Board, authorizing additional air service in several southern states including service between Memphis and New Orleans via Clarksdale, Greenville, Vicksburg, Jackson, Natchez and Baton Rouge; and between Columbus, Miss., and Mobile, via Jackson, Laurel and Hattiesburg.

▶ Transocean Air Lines—Has been granted temporary exemption from Civil Aeronautics Board limitations on the number of flights it is authorized to operate carrying refugees from Munich, Germany, to the U. S. The carrier will be permitted to operate four flights a month, for the next six months, under contract with the International Refugee Organization.

▶ Trans World Airlines—Its 12 new Martin 2-0-2As will visit principal cities to be served by the planes, between Aug. 15 and Sept. 1, when the planes are due to begin scheduled passenger service. Purpose is employee familiarization, and pilot and maintenance training. . . . Company is establishing a district sales office in Seattle, at 527 Skinner Bldg., with Claude E. League in charge. The new Northwest district is being established as a service to the area, and in recognition of its great travel potential, although the city is not directly on TWA routes.

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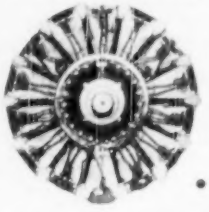

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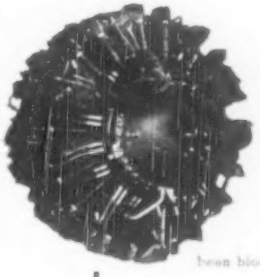

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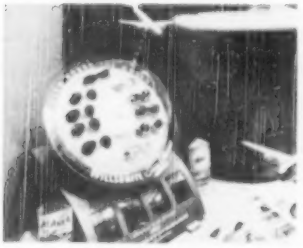

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What's Ahead in Military Equipment Buying

How to Spend $3.5 Billion

With a pocket-bulging bankroll of $7.7 billion, the Air Force and Navy have started shopping for aircraft and equipment. Experience and established routine tell them where to go for the planes.

But a revolution may be brewing in the purchase of equipment for those planes. Once most of it was bought by the government and furnished to the airframe builders. Now the trend is the other way: Toward the contractor's dealing directly with the supplier.

Based on past performance, Government Furnished Equipment (GFE) should eat up nearly half of that $7.7 billion. And Washington and industry planners are still debating the best way to spend about $3.5 billion on equipment.

It is a vital debate for both industry and government. On the one hand, it raises new merchandising problems for the aircraft suppliers. On the other, government must face the fact that when a prime contractor negotiates for what once was GFE, the armed services' procurement regulations (protection for the government) may or may not apply.

And there's the matter of the "overall picture." No one in industry has access to all the facts necessary to see it. The government will still have to decide, for example, how many of a certain type of radar sets will be needed by both Air Force and Navy, and decide which has priority. So some military men—and you will find industry people agreeing—think the government should continue the GFE procedure, even in the new and specialized avionics field.

Industry's View

What the industry thinks about this problem was rounded up by AVIATION WEEK in a series of interviews with both airframe manufacturers and suppliers of avionic equipment. Roughly speaking, the same split in opinion that is found in Washington was noticed in the comments around the industry.

Here's the view of a large airframe company:

"The Government-Furnished Equipment problem has been discussed for many years. But we think the airframe companies would just as soon it stayed the way it is. In only one case have we asked for equipment not available under existing government procurement.

"We think the trend will be confined to avionics, will not be broadened to cover things like engines."

Two other airframe companies—both also deep in guided missiles, where avionics is perhaps the most important item—look at it this way:

First company: "There is a trend to swing away from GFE to company procurement in certain specialized items in the avionics field. But the services still specify what they expect the equipment to do.

"One advantage of the direct program is that it will enable the plane builder to control the design of an item better so that it is better designed to fit the airplane.

"Another is that the prime contractor can frequently make a better deal—pricewise and deliverywise—than the government. This is probably one reason the AF is swinging away from GFE."

Second company: "Trend seems to be confined to avionic equipment and parts.

"We think it's a sagacious move on the part of the AF—though the plan might not work too well for equipment in the development stage. But when an item is standardized, GFE can become burdensome. This is especially true on parts. To example, the airframe contractor might be furnished with the proper number of parts. But if one is lost or damaged he has to go through considerable paper work to get a replacement. If the company did the procuring it would allow for a few extras."

What Suppliers Think

The companies that make the avionic equipment might be more directly affected by any shift in procurement procedures than would the airframe people. The suppliers, too, are far from unanimous in their views.

One avionics manufacturer says:

"To date, probably about 10 percent of avionics procurement has been handled direc..y by airframe builders rather than the government.

"If a contractor took responsibility for coordinating all parts of the airplane he of course would bear responsibility for the weapon's success or failure. It might speed time from drawing board conception of a plane to its use.

"Whether the airframe industry is ready to take on such a responsibility is not certain. In the first place, it would have to duplicate all the procurement activities now wrapped up in AF and BuAer. And it would have to duplicate the technical experience of those people."

The principal manufacturer of ground radar equipment thinks the trend should be encouraged:

"One bottleneck in plane production schedules has been GFE which has been manufactured by companies doing other commercial work.

"People depending on these manufacturers would have a better economic club if they could deal with them direct instead of going through the government. Manufacturers have a habit of putting the government off on small items while they push some other commercial development. They have their ideas about deadlines, feel there's no hurry. But they don't realize their little thingamajig is holding up production of an airplane."

The Middle View

Sitting in the center of the heavy West Coast airframe production, where he can sense opinions of both prime contractors and suppliers, Capt. L. D. Webb, of the Aircraft Industries Assn's Los Angeles office, takes a middle view:

"Electronics is the main item being contracted by the aircraft builder. . . . There's a closer liaison if the government is out of the negotiations. . . .

"There doesn't appear to be any value in changing the procurement plan for major items, such as engines, tires, etc.

"On the other hand, there's a definite advantage to GFE when the equipment is standardized. The government can buy in quantity at reduced rates to supply several contractors."

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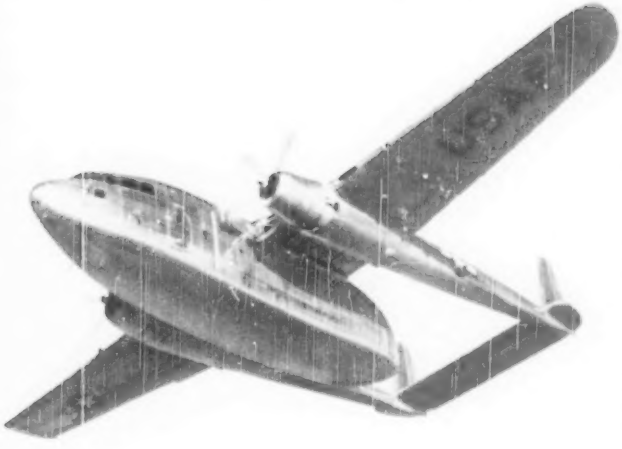

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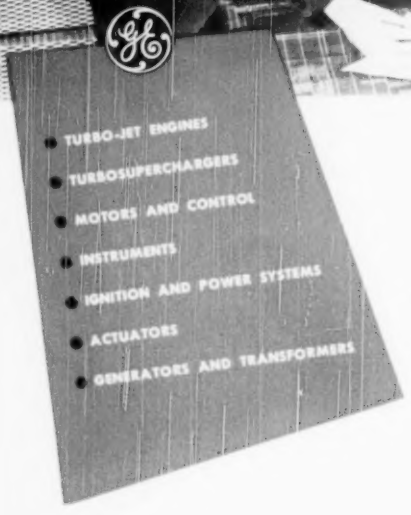

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